

2025 MOCK G7 SUMMIT TEACHER WORKBOOK

This workbook is designed to guide teachers as they explore the subject of the G7 with their students. It was designed for high school students.

TEACHER'S WORKBOOK

What's in the STUDENT WORKBOOK and the Teacher's Workbook:

- 1. Overview of the G7
- 2. G7 stakeholders
- 3. G7 members



4. Themes:

- Preparing for jobs of the future in the global context
- Working together for the environment
- Building a more peaceful and secure world
- 5. For more information

Before you begin

Before distributing the student workbook, ask the following questions:

- What is the G7?
- Which countries are member states?
- What issues does the G7 discuss?
- Do you have any G7-related questions?

You can also repeat the exercise for each country sheet (for example, what do you know about Japan?) This exercise is a first step in discovering the G7; it is designed to explore students' knowledge and anchor their learning, and to guide their discovery of this international forum.

1. OVERVIEW OF THE G7

Concept and proceedings

The Group of Seven or G7 refers to a group of 7 countries¹ whose leaders meet informally, once a year. These 7 countries are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. The European Union is also represented at these meetings and has been since 1977.

European Union: A voluntary association of 27 European countries in the economic and political fields that focuses on guaranteeing peace in Europe and ensuring economic and social progress.

- For G7 leaders, the objectives of these meetings are to discuss international issues and to come to an agreement on shared commitments related to the host country's targeted themes. Canada was the host country this year.
- Every year, one of the member countries is the president of the group and hosts a 2- or 3day meeting in its territory, called the G7 Leaders' Summit. The country that is the president announces major themes that make up the agenda to be addressed over the course of that
- To prepare for the annual summit, the host country holds preparatory meetings with advisers from each government as well as ministerial meetings, prior to the summit.
- At the end of the meetings, the G7 often issues a final statement summarizing the countries' commitments related to the themes that were discussed. The decisions outlined in this joint statement are made consensually, so all the members have agreed on them.
- During G7 summits, non-G7 countries and international organizations are invited to join in some of the discussions.

Creation of the G7

- In 1973 and 1974, informal meetings, referred to as the G4 and G5, were held between the finance ministers of 5 countries: France, Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom and West Germany.
- The first "official" meeting was the initiative of French President Valérie Giscard d'Estaing in 1975 and German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Noting the success of the previous meetings between finance ministers, they wanted to hold similar meetings between leaders so they could discuss major global economic issues.
- Originally, these informal meetings were held to lessen the effects of the economic crisis caused by the oil shock of the 1970s and were designed as a venue to discuss economic policy.

¹ The phrases "countries with the most advanced economies," "most industrialized countries," "most powerful countries" and "most developed countries" are often used to describe the G7 countries.

Topics Discussed

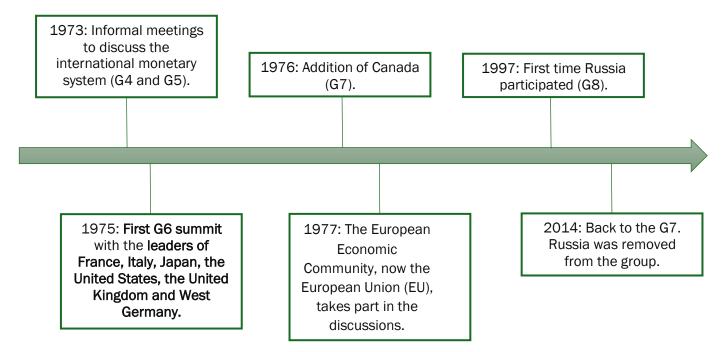
- The G7 was initially designed to be a **forum for diplomatic economic discussions** aimed at addressing **economic and monetary policy issues**.
- Over the years, **the themes discussed have diversified** to include security, immigration, climate change and development assistance, among others.

Mock G7 Themes

For the Student Mock G7 Summit, the themes will be the following:

- Preparing for jobs of the future in the global context
- Working together for the environment
- Building a more peaceful and secure world

Chronology (Summit Timeline)



G7, G8, G20... What's the difference?

- The G7 is the group of 7 countries, plus the European Union.
- The G8 is the G7 countries plus Russia. This group formally existed from 1998 to 2014.
- The G20 was created in 1999 to bring together the finance ministers of 19 countries plus the European Union. Since 2008, it has been these countries' leaders who meet to address issues related to the financial crisis that affects them:

Argentina Australia Brazil

Canada China European Union

France Germany India Indonesia Italy Japan

Mexico Russia Saudi Arabia

South Africa South Korea Türkiye

United Kingdom United States

Canada's Place

- Canada joined the G7 in 1976.
- It has already hosted the G7 Leaders' Summit seven times:
 - o In 1981 (Montebello, Quebec/Ottawa, Ontario)
 - o In 1988 (Toronto, Ontario)
 - o In 1995 (Halifax, Nova Scotia)
 - o In 2002 (Kananaskis, Alberta)
 - o In 2010 (Muskoka, Ontario) and a G20 meeting was held in Toronto that same year
 - o In 2018 (Charlevoix, Quebec)
 - o In 2025 (Kananaskis, Alberta)
- Canada holds the **Presidency of the G7 from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.** The highlight of this presidency was the G7 Leaders' Summit, which took place from **June 15 to 17** in Kananaskis, Alberta.
- This year also marks the 50th year since the first G7 meeting hosted by France in 1975.
 For 50 years, the G7 has played an important role in raising global awareness, fostering collaboration, and promoting international action to address the most pressing challenges of the day.

2. G7 STAKEHOLDERS

BRAINSTORMING ACTIVITY: The G7 and you

In the context of a group discussion, ask your students to discuss what role they can play in the G7 Summit and what they can do in preparation for it. Ask them why it is interesting and the importance of getting involved. After going through all the sheets, you can also come back to these questions with your group to see how their interest in certain G7 issues has developed as they learn.

You will ask your students to think about the various roles played by the stakeholders taking part in the G7: "Here is a list of people who work to make the summit a success. Which role(s) can you see yourself in? Here is a list of people who work to make the summit a success. What role(s) can you see yourself in?" Collect the students' answers; this will help them get into place when the simulation begins.

The Leaders (role that the student can play during the simulation)

The leaders of the seven member countries are the G7 Summit's main stakeholders. Depending on how each country's government is made up, it is either the head of state or the head of government who represents the country at G7 summits.

The Ministers (role that the student can play during the simulation)

Finance and foreign affairs ministers also take part in the G7, often in the context of the preparatory meetings. Based on the themes chosen, other ministers may also attend the Summit or be involved in its preparation. For example, every year in the lead-up to the G7 Summit, environment ministers (since 1994) and labour ministers (since 1996) have taken part in ministerial meetings.

- G7 **employment and innovation ministers** will meet under the theme of preparing for jobs of the future in the global context
- G7 **foreign affairs and security ministers** will meet under the theme of building a more peaceful and secure world
- G7 **environment and energy ministers** will meet under the theme of working together for the environment

The Sherpas (role that the student can play during the simulation)

The term "sherpa" refers to the personal representative of each G7 leader. Every year, in preparation for and during the summit, the sherpas for all the countries meet on a regular basis to agree on the agenda, how the summit will be organized and the final statement. They also meet after the summit for an update on how the announced commitments are being implemented.

The sherpa for the host country is responsible for organizing and planning the event, the budget, logistics, collaboration between the different countries, communication and G7 awareness raising.

The Expert (role that the student can play during the simulation)

Expert and working groups made up of representatives from each country, and whose areas of expertise correspond with each of the chosen themes, also meet before and after the summits. For example, the Lyon Group on International Crime was created during the 1996 summit. During Italy's 2017 G7 Presidency, the Lyon Group's objective was to formulate strategies to combat terrorism and transnational crime. One of the topics discussed was dialogue between religious communities to eliminate the negative impacts of socio-economic exclusion. The experts also hold discussions with civil society organizations to hear their recommendations.

Additional Roles in a G7 Summit

The European Union

The European Union is a full member of the G7. The President of the European Commission has attended the G7 Summit since 1977 and the President of the European Council has attended since 1982. Although the European Union takes part in the G7 Summit every year (and has a sherpa and a delegation), it does not host summits itself.

Invited Countries

Every year, the G7 invites other countries and organizations to attend the Summit. For example, the African Union, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritania, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, the Vatican, and seven other countries were invited to the 2024 G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy. The invited countries are usually chosen based on the themes to be addressed.

International Organizations

Many international organizations attend G7-related activities including

- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- The World Bank
- The United Nations (UN)
- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- The World Trade Organization (WTO)

The Media

- The media are key G7 stakeholders. They keep the public informed on the Summit's progress.
- Only a few hundred journalists attended the first Summit in 1975, but today, the G7 Summits are attended by thousands.
- This year, the International Media Centre was located at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Although the Summit is taking place in Kananaskis, sound, videos and images will be captured and broadcast in real time to the journalists in the town of Banff.

Civil Society

- G7 engagement groups are independent, non-government bodies that provide annual recommendations to the G7. They are the Business 7, Civil Society 7, Labour 7, Science 7, Think 7, Women 7 and Youth 7. These groups help ensure that G7 discussions are well-informed and consider the perspectives of diverse stakeholders. They often hold their own meetings in the months leading up to the G7 Leaders' Summit and issue communiqués.
- The G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC) is an independent advisory body that
 provides recommendations on gender equality to G7 leaders and ministers. The
 council brings together a diverse group of gender equality experts, including
 academics, activists, businesspeople and policymakers, to ensure a broad and
 inclusive approach to gender equality. It was established by Canada during its 2018
 G7 presidency.
- Researchers and professors from the academic community are sometimes consulted when the G7 agenda is being developed. They can also play an informal role in the G7 by holding side events or by speaking with the media, for example.

My role in the simulation (leader, Sherpa, minister or expert):	
I could see myself playing the role of:	
Because:	
What is/are my greatest strength(s)? What would I bring to my team (delegation)?	

3. G7 MEMBERS

ACTIVITY 1: G7 members at a glance

Let's look at these sheets.

Before beginning this activity, ask your students to look up what the terms "human development index" and "annual GDP growth" mean, and how these indexes are calculated.

The student workbook includes a sheet for each G7 member with information to be filled in. Use these as guides, and feel free to adapt for their learning. You will need to verify the information they find with your own research.

See the questions in the student workbook.

FACTS ABOUT GERMANY

General information

Leader/Head of State	
Capital	
Population	
Official language(s)	
Area	
Population density	
Employment by gender	
Human development index	

Political System

2018	2025
Parliamentary system ²	

Economy

Where does it rank as a global economy?	
Annual GDP growth	
Main trading partners	

2018	2025
Sixth most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	

² In a parliamentary system, the government, which holds executive power, can be overthrown by the parliament, to which it is politically accountable. Government members are not elected but come from the parliamentary majority to which they owe their power.

Litres of water used per capita in 2014 - 1,321 litres (1% is used for agriculture).	
Germany produces 2.56% of global greenhouse gas emissions.	
Germany is the second-largest producer of electricity from biomass.	

2018	2025
It is the third-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are cars (11.4%), vehicle parts, packaged medicines, aircraft, helicopters and spacecraft.	
Its main imports are cars, vehicle parts, crude oil production and packaged medicines.	
Its main export destinations are the United States, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and China.	
Its main import sources are the Netherlands, France, Belgium, China and Italy.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what Germany's current challenges are.

Ask the students to research fast facts about Germany and its current challenges.

FACTS ABOUT CANADA

General information

Leader/Head of State	
Capital	
Population	
Official language(s)	
Area	
Population density	
Employment by gender	
Human development index	
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Political System

2018	2025
Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary system	

Economy

Where does it rank as a global economy?	
Annual GDP growth	
Main trading partners	

2018	2025
10th most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 litres (20% is used for industry). Water covers _ % Of its area.	

Canada produces % of global greenhouse gas emissions.	
Canada has a federal sustainable development strategy.	

2018	2025
It is the 12th-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are cars, crude oil production, gold and vehicle parts.	
Its main imports are cars, vehicle parts, delivery trucks, refined oils and crude oil production.	
Its main export destinations are the United States, China, the United Kingdom, Japan and Mexico.	
Its main import sources are the United States, China, Germany, Mexico and Japan.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what Canada's current challenges are.

Ask the students to research fast facts about Canada and its current challenges.

FACTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES

General information

Leader/Head of State		
Capital		
Population		
Official language(s)		
Area		
Population density		
Employment by gender		
Human development index		
Political system		
2018		2025
Presidential system		
Economy		
Where does it rank as a global economy?		
Annual GDP growth		
Main trading partners		
Environment		
2018		2025
Most CO2-emitting country (2016	6 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in – 8,846 litres (2.2% of its area is covered in water)		

The United States produces % of global greenhouse gas emissions.	• ———
The United States produces% of the world's total electricity from biomass. It is the world's largest producer of bioethanol.	e world's total electricity from ass. It is the world's largest

2018	2025
It is the second-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are refined oils, cars, vehicle parts and integrated circuits.	
Its main imports are cars, crude oil production, computers and packaged medicines.	
Its main export destinations are Canada, Mexico, China, Japan and the United Kingdom.	
Its main import sources are China, Mexico, Canada, Japan and Germany.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what the United States' current challenges are.

Ask the students to research fast facts about the United States and its current challenges.

FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

General information

Leader/Head of State	
Capital	
Population	
Official language(s)	
Area	
Population density	
Employment by gender	
Human development index	

Political System

2018	2025
Semi-presidential system	

Economy

Where does it rank as a global economy?	
Annual GDP growth	
Main trading partners	

2018	2025
19th most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 – 3,015 litres. Water covers 0.26% of its area.	

France produces 1.34% of global	
greenhouse gas emissions. There are a	
variety of postgraduate courses on	
sustainable development offered in	
France; these courses are	
internationally recognized.	

2018	2025
Its main exports are aircraft, helicopters, spacecraft engines (representing 9.3% of total exports), packaged medicines (representing 4.67% of total exports), cars and vehicle parts.	
Its main imports are cars (5.86% of imports), crude oil production (3.31% of imports), aircraft parts, refined oils and packaged medicines.	
Its main export destinations are Germany, Spain, the United States, Italy and the United Kingdom.	
Its main import sources are Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what France's current challenges are.

Ask the students to research fast facts about France and its current challenges.

FACTS ABOUT ITALY

General information

Leader/Head of State	
Capital	
Population	
Official language(s)	
Area	
Population density	
Employment by gender	
Human development index	

Political system

2018	2025
Parliamentary system	

Economy

Where does it rank as a global economy?	
Annual GDP growth	
Main trading partners	

2018	2025
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 - 3,002 litres. Water covers 3.4% of its area.	

Italy produces 1.18% of global greenhouse gas emissions.
Italy is approving a national sustainable development strategy and is introducing well-being indicators into its economic planning.

2018	2025
It is the eighth-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are packaged medicines, cars, vehicle parts, and refined oils.	
Its main imports are cars, crude oil production, packaged medicines, petroleum gas and vehicle parts.	
Its main export destinations are Germany, France, the United States, the United Kingdom and Spain.	
Its main import sources are Germany, France, China, Spain and Belgium.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what Italy's current challenges are.

Ask the students to research fast facts about Italy and its current challenges.

FACTS ABOUT JAPAN

General information

Leader/Head of State	
Capital	
Population	
Official language(s)	
Area	
Population density	
Employment by gender	
Human development index	
Political system	

2018	2025
Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary system	

Economy

Where does it rank as a global economy?	
Annual GDP growth	
Main trading partners	

2018	2025
Fifth most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 - 3,015 litres. Water covers 1.7% of its area.	

Japan produces 3.79% of global
greenhouse gas emissions. It
encourages companies to develop
innovations in the areas of construction,
waste and sanitation.

2018	2025
It is the fourth-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are cars, vehicle parts, integrated circuits and cargo ships.	
Its main imports are crude oil production, petroleum gas, packaged medicines, computers and charcoal briquettes.	
Its main export destinations are the United States, China, South Korea, Hong Kong and Thailand.	
Its main import sources are China, the United States, South Korea, Germany and Australia.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what Japan's current challenges are.

Ask the students to research fast facts about Japan and its current challenges.

FACTS ABOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM

General information			
Leader/Head of State			
Capital			
Population			
Official language(s)			
Area			
Population density			
Employment by gender			
Human development index			
Political system			
2018		2025	
Constitutional monarchy, parlian system	nentary		
Economy			
Where does it rank as a global economy?			
Annual GDP growth			

Environment

Main trading partners

2018	2025
17th most CO2-emitting country (2016 data)	
Litres of water used per capita in 2014 – 2,244 litres. Water covers 1.3% of its area.	

The United Kingdom produces 1.55% of
global greenhouse gas emissions.

2018	2025
It is the 10th-largest export economy in the world.	
Its main exports are cars, packaged medicines, gas turbines, gold and aircraft parts.	
Its main imports are gold, cars, packaged medicines, gas turbines and vehicle parts.	
Its main export destinations are the United States, Germany, France, the Netherlands and Ireland.	
Its main import sources are Germany, China, the United States, the Netherlands and Belgium.	

Using the *For more information section* (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what the United Kingdom's current challenges are.

Ask the students to research fast facts about the United Kingdom and its current challenges.

FACTS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION

General information

Leader/Head of State	European Council:
	European Commission:
Capital	
Population	
Official language(s)	
Area	
Population density	
Employment by gender	
Human development index	

Political system

2018	2025
Political and economic association of 28 countries	

Economy

Where does it rank as a global economy?	
Annual GDP growth	
Main trading partners	

2018	2025
The European Union produces 9% of global greenhouse gas emissions (2015).	

The European Union has adopted a	
European strategy for sustainable	
development.	

Using the For more information section (at the end of the notebook) and your own research, find out what the European Union's current challenges are.

Ask the students to research fast facts about the European Union and its current challenges.

Points to ponder... Why the G7?

After presenting and discussing the seven member countries and the European Union, ask the students what these countries have in common (political system, economic system, history, etc.). This may lead you to discuss why other countries are not included in the group.

4. THEMES

ACTIVITY 1: Looking at the issues

Select a few issues for each theme (the *What are the issues in 2025?* Section on each theme's sheet) to be worked on in small groups (and, possibly, to be presented briefly to the class). Some of these issues may be brought up in the simulation. Prior exploration will **help** the students.

ACTIVITY 2: G7 Successes

After presenting and discussing the 3 themes for the 2025 Mock G7 Summit, ask your students, in small groups, to research the G7's key successes since it was created.

5. TAKING STOCK AND BROADENING PERSPECTIVES

**Note: This section does not correspond to any student sheet in particular. It provides teachers with activities to gauge what students have learned and to get them thinking about the G7.

ACTIVITY 1: G7 Quiz

Once all of the subjects have been discussed, here are a few fact-based questions to ask the class in the form of a quiz. *Feel free to develop your own questions based on the delegations of your school*

- 1) What year was the G7 (then called the G6) created? In 1975
- 2) What year did Canada join? In 1976
- 3) Which 2 countries founded the G7? France and Germany
- 4) From the G8 to the G7...
 - Which country has been removed from the G8? Russia
 - For what reason? Russia's invasion of Ukraine and annexation of Crimea in 2014
- 5) What was the original theme behind the creation of G7? The global economy

- 6) Which leader has attended the most G7 summits? Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany, 15 summits
- 7) What do we call the person who has been designated by the head of state to organize the summit? *The Sherpa*
- 8) Which international organization is a member of the G7? The European Union

ACTIVITY 2: Reflecting on G7 proceedings

- 1) What are some of the constraints involved in organizing this kind of summit?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of having only seven countries meet?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of not having permanent G7 headquarters, permanent G7 staff, etc.?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of making joint decisions based on consensus?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of making a non-binding final statement?

ACTIVITY 3: Reflecting on the role that civil society plays in the G7

- 1) Research the role civil society organizations play in G7 summits:
 - Which are present?
 - What are they doing to make their voices heard?
- 2) What are the main criticisms that civil society can direct at the G7?

ACTIVITY 4: Reflecting on the G7's role in the media

- 1) Ask the students to pay attention to what they hear or read about the G7. After a few days, ask them what communication channels and strategies they think the Government of Canada is using in relation to its G7 Presidency.
 - What media are being used?
 - Is communication stronger/more intense on certain channels?
 - Who does the messages seem to be aimed at?
- 2) Ask your students to find and select a newspaper article, blog post, radio program or television show about the 2025 G7 Summit. Ask them to analyze it in light of these questions:
 - How is the G7 presented? What is the author's/host's or speakers' view on the G7 Summit?
 - According to this media outlet, what are the main challenges of the G7 Summit?
 - Does it explain how the G7 works?
 - What elements are missing?

RESEARCH AVENUES BY THEME

Preparing for jobs of the future in the global context

- Access to the job market and non-discrimination
- Demographic changes and migration
- Basic human rights related to work (freedom of association, decent wages, nondiscrimination, social protection, etc.)
- Presence of women and youth on the job market
- Pay equity between women and men
- Public and private investment for job creation
- Research and development by companies to foster innovation and its integration into the job market
- Education system and continuing education
- New technologies and their impact on the environment and workers: increased productivity vs. job losses in some sectors
- Artificial intelligence: develop, retain and attract talent
- International market competition
- Underground economy and informal economy

Working together for the environment

- Promotion and development of renewable energy
- Protecting the oceans
- Sustainable development-related jobs and economy
- Protection of threatened species
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Migration flows related to climate migrants
- Women's leadership in clean energy
- Issues related to the security of the Pacific Islands

Building a more peaceful and secure world

- Maintenance and consolidation of peace after armed conflicts
- Diplomacy and mediation
- Armed conflicts between countries and within countries
- Terrorism and national security (online radicalization and Internet regulation)
- Major human rights violations
- International criminal justice and transnational justice (transition between war and return to peace)
- State security and human security: poverty, climate change and other issues as threats to human security
- The nuclear threat
- The territorial independence of states and the principles of non-intervention and nonaggression
- Migrants and refugees

- Weapons proliferation, including nuclear weapons
- Meaningful participation of women in conflict prevention and resolution
- Sexual violence in conflict zones: women and girls and disproportionately affected

FOR MORE INFORMATION

General information about the G7

2025

Global Affairs Canada, "Canada and the G7 2025": https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI-XuG0q34g37ZgnVPvQvmllgz-I7wJj3 [playlist]

2018

Global Affairs Canada, "Behind the Scenes of the G7": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mu-qc0l0lWY [several episodes]

Global Affairs Canada, "What is the G7?":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN_6tBKacoY&list=PLI-XuG0q34g1gVhFC-QUBP2U-nLWQqXX&index=78

Resources to develop your delegations' position

- The United Nations (UN)
- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- The World Bank
- •
- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- The World Trade Organization (WTO)
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- The Central Intelligence Agency
- Wikipedia
- News platforms
- Past G7, G8 and G20 Summits publications and websites

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