L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) - For all the smiles and upbeat talk, the just-ended G-8 summit showed how uneasily the forum has become, run by Cold War-vintage powers while relegating the world's fastest growing economies - China, India and Brazil - to observers.

It also showed just how sharp the divisions are between old-world and new-world viewpoints. The meeting set off unexpected expectations on many counts, from climate control to trade. The global economic crisis weighed heavily on everyone and compelled efforts to find consensus, resulting in an accord or pulling off some major decisions. Members appeared divided on how soon to roll back stimulus packages, although they agreed now was not the time to start.

President Barack Obama and the G-8 are to discuss terrorism, education, health, water, agricultural aid, energy and global governance, and also the situation in Sri Lanka.

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