

WORLD AGENDA 2010

Jun: Canada hosts a summit of both the G8 and the G20 nations in Huntsville, Ontario

Oct: Germany celebrates 20 years since unification

Feb, China: The Year of the Tiger symbolises power and sensitivity, but also short tempers

Dec: FIFA reveals who will host the soccer World Cups in 2018 and 2022

May: Presidential and legislative elections take place in the Philippines

May: 189 signatories meet in New York to review the **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty**

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1 JANUARY: U.S. President **Barack Obama's** self-imposed deadline to close the prison camp at **Guantanamo Bay** expires

5 APRIL: National elections are due in Sudan – the first since the 20-year civil war ended in 2005

8 JULY: The **Dalai Lama**, Tibet's spiritual leader and head of the government-in-exile based in Dharamsala, India, turns 75

12 OCTOBER: **Dilma Rousseff** (below), from Brazil's ruling Worker's Party, stands against centre-right opposition candidate **Jose Serra** in presidential elections, marking the end of the rule of the popular **Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva**

2 Russia outlaws the death penalty, not used for 14 years, despite support for its resumption by up to 75 percent of Russians

3 FEBRUARY: More than 80 countries take part in the **Winter Olympics** in Vancouver, Canada, with 86 events over 17 days

4 MARCH: Celebrations mark 200 years since the birth of romantic Polish composer **Fryderyk Chopin**

6 MAY: Conservative leader **David Cameron** (below) will hope to end 13 years of Labour rule in Britain's general election, due to be held this month or next

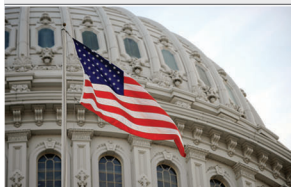
9 Belgium, home nation of new EU president **Herman van Rompuy**, takes over the block's rotating presidency from Spain

10 AUGUST: The last U.S. combat troops will withdraw from Iraq. Up to 50,000 troops will remain to advise Iraqi soldiers and police

7 JUNE: Three million football fans head to South Africa for the **World Cup**, the first to be hosted by an African nation

11 SEPTEMBER: International observers focus on parliamentary elections in Afghanistan, where widespread fraud marred presidential elections in 2009

13 NOVEMBER: Barack Obama faces the first real test of his presidency when the U.S. elects a new 435-member House of Representatives and a third of the 100-seat Senate



14 DECEMBER: Mexico provides the world stage for political leaders to debate global warming at the 2010 climate summit

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