Bali Declaration

Why in news?

Indian parliamentary delegation refused to be a part of the Bali declaration adopted recently in Indonesia.

What is Bali declaration?

- The declaration went on to “call on all parties to contribute to the restoration of stability and security, exercise maximum self-restraint from using violent means.
- It claimed to respect the human rights of all people in Rakhine State regardless of their faith and ethnicity, as well as facilitate safe access for humanitarian assistance.
- The declaration adopted carried “inappropriate” reference to the violence in Rakhine State from where 1,25,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh.

What is the reason for India’s stand?

- India repeated its stance that the purpose of convening the parliamentary forum was to arrive at a mutual consensus for implementation of SDGs.
- The proposed reference to the violence in Rakhine State in the declaration was considered as not consensus-based and inappropriate.
India senses that the conclusion of the Forum, was not in line with the agreed global principles of ‘sustainable development.

India objected spoke of the forum expressing deep concern on the ongoing violence in the Rakhine State of Myanmar.

Never before country specific issues have been included in the declaration as these dilute the objective of these forums.

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