



**MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT COORDINATING BUREAU**
Havana, Cuba
27-30 April 2009

REPORT BY THE RAPPORTEUR-GENERAL ON THE MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. The Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held in Havana, Cuba, in preparation for the 15th Summit of the Movement, on 29 - 30 April 2009.
2. The Ministerial Meeting was preceded (27-29 April) by the Preparatory Senior Officials' Meeting.
3. The following member countries of the Movement attended the Ministerial Meeting: Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
4. The Ministerial Meeting took note of Document NAM/2009/MM/INF.4, containing the list of attending observer countries and organizations; and of Document NAM/2009/MM/DOC.5, which lists the guest countries and organizations.
5. The following countries holding observer status within NAM also attended the Meeting: Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Montenegro, Paraguay, Serbia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uruguay.

6. The following organizations and movements of national liberation holding observer status within NAM, also attended the Meeting: African Union, Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization, League of Arab States, Hostosian National Independentist Movement, Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the United Nations.
7. The following countries attended the Meeting as guests: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, Japan, Macedonia, Russian Federation, Slovenia and Republic of Korea.
8. The following organization attended the Meeting as guest: Group of Seventy-seven and China (G-77).

Opening session of the Ministerial Meeting

9. His Excellency Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba gave a brief welcome speech for the Ministerial Meeting participants.
10. His Excellency Raúl Castro Ruz, President of the Councils of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba delivered the inaugural speech, in his capacity of Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement.
11. His Excellency Miguel D' Escoto Brockmann delivered a speech in his capacity as the President of the 63rd Session of the UN General Assembly.
12. The chairman of the Group of 77 and China, and representatives of NAM regional groups, spoke in the following order:
 - His Excellency Elssamani Elwasila, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, Chairman of the Group of 77 and China.
 - His Excellency Charles Nqakula, Minister of Defense of the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the African group.
 - His Excellency Hassan Wirajuda, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, on behalf of the Asian group:
 - His Excellency Fander Falconí Benítez, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Integration of the Republic of Ecuador, on behalf of the Latin American & Caribbean group:
 - His Excellency Serguei Aleinik, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, on behalf of the European group.
13. The Ministerial Meeting approved the Agenda contained in Document NAM/2009/MM/DOC.2., as follows:
 1. Opening of the Meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report by the Chairman of the Senior Officials' Meeting about the preparations for the Ministerial Meeting.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Organization of Works
6. Admission of new members or observers
7. Consideration of observers' and guests' requests to participate.
8. Report from the Presidency of the Non-Aligned Movement.
9. General debate
10. Report from the Egyptian delegation about the preparations for the 15th Summit of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, July 11 – 16, 2009.
11. Consideration of the dates and venues of the next high-level NAM conferences or meetings.
12. Consideration and Adoption of Outcome Documents.
13. Consideration and adoption of the Rapporteur General's Report.
14. Other Matters.
15. Closing of the Meeting.

Report by the Chairman of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials

14. His Excellency Mr. Abelardo Moreno Fernández, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba and Chairman of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials submitted his report on that meeting, Document NAM 2009/SOM/DOC. 2. The Ministerial Meeting took note of the report.

Election of Officers

15. On the recommendation of the Senior Officials Preparatory Meeting, the Ministerial Meeting decided that the officers would be represented as follows (NAM 2009/MM/DOC.3):

- President: Cuba
- Vice-Presidents (20):

Africa (8): Algeria, Gambia, Libya Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan.

Asia (7): Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Philippines, Iraq, Myanmar, Syrian Arab Republic, Sri Lanka.

Latin America & the Caribbean (4): Ecuador, Jamaica, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

Europe (1): Belarus

- Rapporteur-General: Islamic Republic of Iran.

- Chairman of the Political Committee: Egypt.
 - Chairman of the Economic and Social Committee: Jamaica.
16. The Ministerial Meeting noted that the Senior Officials Preparatory Meeting had set up a Political Committee and an Economic and Social Committee. The Political Committee, chaired by Egypt, had examined Part I 'World Affairs' and Part II 'Regional & Sub-regional Political Issues' while the Economic and Social Committee, chaired by Jamaica, had studied Part III 'Development, Social and Human Rights Issues' and some sections of Part I of the Final Document (NAM 2009/MM/DOC.1).
 17. The Ministerial Meeting noted that His Excellency Mr. Abelardo Moreno Fernández, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, and Mr. Rodolfo Reyes Rodríguez, Director of Multilateral Affairs at the same ministry, had been appointed General Secretary and Secretary of the Meeting, respectively.

Organization of Works

18. The Ministerial Meeting took note of the organization of works as set out in Document NAM/2009/MM/INF.3

Requests for admission as new members or observers

19. On the recommendation of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials, the Republic of Tajikistan was admitted by the Ministerial Meeting to NAM with the status of Observer (NAM/2009/MM/DOC.4).
20. On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement's members and observers, His Excellency Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, welcomed the Republic of Tajikistan to the Movement as Observer.

Chairman's report on the Non-Aligned Movement's activities

21. His Excellency Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, submitted his report on the activities of the Movement from the 14th Summit in Havana in September 2006, up to March 2009. The Ministerial Meeting took note of the report, acknowledging its content as set out in Document NAM/2009/MM/INF.5

General debate of the Ministerial Meeting

22. The Ministerial Meeting devoted four Plenary Sessions to General Debate with the following member states participating: Afghanistan, Angola, Algeria, Bahrain, Belarus, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Guyana, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
23. The Ministerial Meeting was also addressed by the following observers: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Hostosian National Independentist Movement, Montenegro, League of Arab States, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Serbia, Tajikistan and the United Nations.

Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Committee on Palestine

24. The Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Committee on Palestine was held on 29 April 2009. The ministers adopted a Declaration on Palestine. They expressed their unconditional support for the cause of the Palestinian people and denounced the violations perpetrated by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. This Declaration was submitted to the Ministerial Meeting, which took note of it.

Review and approval of outcome documents from the Ministerial Meeting.

25. The following outcome documents were reviewed:
- Final Document
 - Special Declaration on the World Economic and Financial Crisis.
 - Statement on Zimbabwe
 - Declaration on Solidarity with Mexico
 - Rapporteur-General's Report
26. The Ministerial Meeting approved Final Document (NAM2009/MM/DOC.1/REV.1)
27. The Ministerial Meeting approved the Declaration on Zimbabwe (NAM 2009/MM/DOC.10)
28. The Ministerial Meeting approved the Declaration on Solidarity with Mexico (NAM 2009/MM/DOC.11)

29. The Ministerial Meeting approved the Special Declaration on the World Economic and Financial Crisis (NAM 2009/MM/DOC. 12)
30. Mr. Mohammad Reza Sajjadi, Director General for International Political Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, submitted the Rapporteur-General Report. This report was approved by the Ministerial Meeting. (NAM 2009/MM/DOC.7 / REV.1).
31. Delegations wishing to express reservations or propose editorial changes to the resulting Ministerial Meeting documents were invited to submit these in writing to the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau in New York, within two weeks of the closing of the Ministerial Meeting.

Dates and venues for upcoming conferences and meetings of the Non-Aligned Movement

32. The Ministerial Meeting welcomed the report by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, on the preparations for the NAM 15th Summit to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, on 11-16 July 2009. The Ministerial Meeting encouraged NAM member states to actively participate in this Conference.
33. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran renewed the interest of his country to host the 16th Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement in 2012. The Ministerial Meeting welcomed the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 16th Summit in 2012 and recommended this to the 15th Summit Conference to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh.

Other matters

34. No matters were submitted for the consideration of the Meeting under this agenda item.

Closing session

35. The Closing Session of the Ministerial Meeting took place on 30 April 2009.
36. Closing statements by the representatives of the NAM regional groups were made in the following order:
 - His Excellency Dr. Ahmed el Fituri, Libya's Secretary for American Affairs of the General People's Committee for External Liaison and International Cooperation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on behalf of the African group.
 - His Excellency Riad Al Malki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Palestine, on behalf of the Asian group.

- His Excellency Peter David, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism of Grenada, on behalf of the Latin American & Caribbean group.
 - Mr. Yuri Yaroshevich, First Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations, on behalf of the European group.
37. His Excellency Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba and President of the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau delivered the closing statement, thanking the Ministers and other Heads of Delegation for their valuable contributions to the success of the Ministerial Meeting.