



16th Summit of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement

Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

26 - 31 August 2012

REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING

(26-27 August 2012)

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING (Agenda item 1)

The Preparatory Meeting at the Senior Officials Level of the XVI Summit of Heads of State or Government of Movement of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was held in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 26-27 August 2012.

H.E. Ambassador Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil, the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations in New York, opened the Meeting in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Senior Officials Meeting.

In his opening statement, H.E. Ambassador Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil expressed his condolences on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement to the People and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the recent earthquake in North West of Iran. He welcomed H.E. Dr. Ali Akbar Salehi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the meeting and emphasized that his participation reflects the importance of Tehran meeting.

Ambassador Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil then invited H.E. Dr. Ali Akbar Salehi, to address the meeting. In his statement, Dr. Salehi welcomed Delegations of NAM members and other Heads of Delegations participating at the Senior Officials Meeting and commended the excellent work done by the Arab Republic of Egypt during its Chairmanship of NAM.

Giving special importance to goals of Non-Aligned Movement, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran mentioned that Iran has spared no effort to promote solidarity among NAM Member States. He emphasized: "When the international relation is suffering from a destructive and nonproductive mentality that seeks to dominate the entire world, we are in need to brace ourselves and respect to all commonly accepted human rights, especially the right to self-determination and democratically and genuinely elected national governments". Dr. Salehi then explained the concept of "Lasting peace through

joint global governance” chosen as the motto for the Summit and asked for more inclusive, transparent, and effective international system and fundamental reforms in the United Nations system, specially a truly more representative Security Council.

The meeting then elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mohammad Mehdi Akhondzade Basti, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs for Legal and International Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the new Chairman of the Senior Official Meeting. The new Chair thanked the meeting for the trust invested in him. After welcoming, He expressed his appreciation to H.E. Ambassador Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil for his opening remarks and H.E. Dr. Ali Akbar Salehi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for their opening statements respectively.

H.E. Mr. Akhondzade, the Chairman of the Senior Official Meeting also welcomed the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Fiji, whose membership have been approved in the XVI Ministerial Meeting of the NAM in Bali, and participating in the Movement’s Summit for the first time.

The Senior Officials Meeting then decided to establish two Committees, namely the Political and the Economic and Social Committees. The Political Committee was chaired by H.E. Mr. Abelardo Moreno Fernandez, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba. H.E. Mr. Amr Ahmed Ramadan, Assistant Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, chaired the Economic and Social Committee.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Agenda item 2)

The Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting adopted the Agenda contained in Document (NAM 2012/SOM/ Doc.1), as follows:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report by the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau
4. Consideration of the recommendations regarding the preparations for the XVI Summit of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement
 - 4.1. Provisional Agenda
 - 4.2. Election of the Bureau
 - 4.3. Organization of Work
 - 4.4. Admission of new members and participation of Observers and Guests
5. Consideration of the Provisional Agenda of the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting
6. Consideration and adoption of the Report of the Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting
7. Other Matters
8. Closing of the Meeting

III. Report by the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau (Agenda item 3)

H.E. Ambassador Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil, the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, presented the report in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement in New York, pertaining to the preparations for the XVI Ministerial Conference of the NAM to the Senior Officials Meeting (NAM 2012/SOM/Doc.2).

Furthermore, H.E. Ambassador Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil in his report, as the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, emphasized that all should strive during the Senior Officials Meeting to reach consensual agreement on the outcome documents which are going to be forwarded to the Summit through the Ministerial Meeting for final adoption.

At the end of consideration of this Agenda Item, the Senior Officials Meeting took note with appreciation of the report presented by H. E. Ambassador Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil.

IV. Consideration of the recommendations regarding the preparation for the XVI Summit of heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (Agenda item 4)

4.1. Provisional Agenda

The Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting then recommended for consideration of the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting the Provisional Agenda of the Summit as contained in Document (NAM 2012/Doc.2), as follows:

1. Opening of the Meeting.
2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. Report by the Chair of the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting.
4. Election of the Bureau.
5. Organization of work.
6. Admission of new Members and participation of Observers and Guests.
7. Report by the Chair of the XV Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement.
8. General Debate.
9. Consideration and Adoption of the Outcome Documents.
10. Dates and Venues of future Conferences and Meetings of the Non-Aligned Movement.
11. Other Matters.
12. Closing Session.

4.2. Election of the Bureau

The meeting agreed to recommend to the Ministers on the candidatures for the members of the Bureau, as follows:

Chairperson:

The Islamic Republic of Iran (Chair of the 16th Summit Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement)

20 Vice-Chairs:

- Eight from the African Region: Algeria, Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Morocco and Sudan (The remaining three members will be elected).
- Seven members from Asia-Pacific Region: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Iraq, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Palestine, and Sri Lanka.
- Four members from Latin America and Caribbean Region: Cuba (The remaining three members will be elected).
- One from the European Region: Azerbaijan
- Rapporteur-General: From Latin American and Caribbean Region: Venezuela
- Ex-Officio Member: Egypt (the Chair of the 15th NAM Summit)

4.3. Organization of work

The meeting decided to recommend to the Ministerial Meeting the Organization of the Work for the XVI Summit of Heads of State or Government as contained in Document NAM/2012/INF.1.

4.4. Admission of New Members and participation of Observers and Guests

The Meeting welcomed the participation of countries and organizations as the *Guests* as contained in document NAM 2012/INF.5 and the participation of countries and organizations as the *Observers* as contained in document NAM 2012/INF.6.

V. Consideration of the Provisional Agenda of the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting (Agenda item 5)

The Meeting recommended for consideration of the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting the following recommendations regarding the preparations for the Ministerial meeting as contained in Document NAM 2012/MM/Doc.1, as follows:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report by the Chair of the preparatory Senior Officials Meeting.
4. Consideration of the recommendations regarding the preparation for the XVI Summit of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement.
 - 4.1. Provisional Agenda.
 - 4.2. Election of the Bureau.
 - 4.3. Organization of work.
 - 4.4. Admission of new Members and participation of Observers and Guests.
 - 4.5. Consideration and adoption of the Outcome Documents.

5. Interactive Debate among the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on the following theme:
 - Lasting Peace through Joint Global Governance
6. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting.
7. Other Matters.
8. Closing of the Meeting

VI. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting to the preparatory meeting (Agenda item 6)

The Meeting adopted the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting and agreed to submit the Report to the Ministerial Conference. (NAM 2012/SOM/DOC.3)

The Meeting heard the oral Reports presented by the Chairpersons of the Political and the Economic and Social Committees respectively and noted they had already finalized the consideration of the “Draft Final Document.” (NAM 2012/Doc.1)

It was agreed that “the Draft Final Document” would be submitted for consideration to the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting.

The Meeting agreed to submit for consideration the “Draft Provisional Summit Agenda”. (NAM 2012/Doc.2)

The Meeting agreed to submit for consideration the Provisional Agenda for the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting. (NAM 2012/MM/Doc.1)