



15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement

Tehran, 27-30 July 2008

REPORT OF THE 15th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

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1. The 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), entitled "Solidarity for peace and justice", was held in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 29-30 July 2008.
2. The Conference was preceded by a Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials on 27 to 30 July 2008.
3. The following Members of the Movement attended the Conference:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad , Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, 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, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand,

Timor Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

4. The following countries attended the Conference as Observers:

Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Montenegro, Paraguay, Serbia, Ukraine, Uruguay.

5. The following International Organizations and Movements of National Liberation also attended as Observers:

African Union (AU), Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (AAPSO), League of Arab States (LAS), National Hostosian Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MINH), Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), South Centre, United Nations (UN).

6. The following countries attended the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Ministerial Conference as Guests:

Australia, Austria, Cyprus, Republic of Korea, Tajikistan, Turkey.

7. The following organizations attended the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Ministerial Conference as Guests:

Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Non-Aligned Movement Center for Human Rights and Cultural Diversity (NCHRCD).

8. Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran also attended the Opening Ceremony.

9. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, in his capacity as the representative of the NAM Chairmanship made introductory remarks.

10. H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, delivered his inaugural speech. The Conference decided to include the text of the speech among its official documents (NAM 2008/Doc.7).

11. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, representative of the NAM Chairmanship made the statement, in which he introduced the Report on the activities of the NAM since the 14th Summit in Havana. (NAM 2008/Doc.6)

12. The Conference elected unanimously H.E. Mr. Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as its Chairman.

13. H.E. Mr. Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chairman of the XV Ministerial Conference made opening statement.

14. The representatives of the four regional groups made statements: Tanzania for Africa, Sri Lanka for Asia, Belarus for Europe, and Venezuela for Latin America and the Caribbean. The representative of Antigua and Barbuda, Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, also made a statement on behalf of the Group.

15. The Conference adopted the agenda, contained in document NAM 2008/Doc.5.

1. Opening Ceremony of the Conference
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report of the Chair of the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials
4. Election of Officers
5. Organization of Work
6. Consideration of applications for participation as Observers and Guests
7. Report of the activities of the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement
8. General debate
9. Consideration and adoption of outcome documents
10. Consideration and adoption of the Report of the Rapporteur-General of the Ministerial Conference
11. Other matters
12. Closing of the Conference

16. The Conference constituted by consensus the Bureau as follows: (NAM 2008/INF.4/Rev.2)

Chairman:

Islamic Republic of Iran

Vice-Chairpersons:

Africa: Algeria, Gambia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa and Sudan

Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Myanmar, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Syrian Arab Republic

Europe: Belarus

Latin America and the Caribbean: Ecuador, Jamaica, Nicaragua and Venezuela

Rapporteur-General:

Somalia

Member ex-officio:

Cuba

17. The Conference endorsed its program as contained in documents NAM 2008/INF.2 and NAM 2008/INF.3.

18. The Conference endorsed the application of Montenegro as an Observer Country of the Movement. The Conference also endorsed the application of

the Secretariat of the Commonwealth of Nations as an Observer Organization. (NAM 2008/INF.5)

19. The Conference took note of the recommendation of the Coordinating Bureau (COB) on the list of Guest Countries and Organizations. (NAM 2008/INF.6 and NAM 2008/INF.6/ Add.1)

20. The General Debate was held on 29 and 30 July 2008. During the General Debate, the following Members and Observers of the Movement had statement:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Yemen, Zimbabwe,

Brazil, China, Montenegro, Serbia,

Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (AAPSO), League of Arab States (LAS), National Hostosian Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MINH), Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), South Centre, United Nations (UN).

21. The Acting Director of the NAM Center for Human Rights and Cultural Diversity (NCHRCDD) briefed the Conference on the establishment of the Center as well as its future activities. The NAM Member States were asked to provide the Center their views related to the Questionnaire within two months.

22. H.E. Mr. Mohammad Ali Hosseini, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the Chairman of the Senior Officials Meeting presented the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting to the Ministerial Conference. He introduced, in his report, the outcome documents agreed by the Senior Officials Meeting for final adoption by the Conference.

23. The Conference considered the report of the Senior Officials Meeting (NAM 2008/Doc.9).

24. The Conference considered and adopted the Final Document of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement. (NAM 2008/Doc.1/Rev.2)

25. The Conference considered and adopted the Statement on the Islamic Republic of Iran's Nuclear Issue. (NAM 2008/Doc.3/Rev.1)

26. The Conference considered and adopted the Statement on Zimbabwe (NAM 2008/Doc.8).

27. The Ministerial Conference noted that a Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Committee on Palestine, chaired by Cuba under the Agenda contained in document NAM 2008/PAL/Doc.1, was held on 30 July 2008, in which the Declaration on Palestine was adopted (NAM 2008/Doc. 4/Rev.1).

28. The Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while confirming its support to decisions on Palestine that aim to secure all the inalienable rights of the Palestinians, expressed its reservation on any part of the documents of the Conference, which might be construed, implicitly or explicitly, as recognition of the Zionist regime.

29. The list of documents of the Conference is as follows:

- NAM 2008/Doc.1 (Final Document)
- NAM 2008/Doc.1/Rev.1 (Final Document)
- NAM 2008/Doc.1/Rev.1/Corr.1 (Final Document)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.1/Rev.2** (Final Document)
- NAM 2008/Doc.2 (Report of the Rappourter-General on the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.2/Rev.1** (Report of the Rappourter-General on the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/Doc.3 (Statement on the Islamic Republic of Iran's Nuclear Issue)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.3/Rev.1** (Statement on the Islamic Republic of Iran's Nuclear Issue)
- NAM 2008/Doc.4 (Declaration on Palestine)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.4/Rev.1** (Declaration on Palestine)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.5** (Provisional Agenda for the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.6** (Report by the Chair on Activities of the NAM, Since the 14th Summit)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.7** (Statement by the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.8** (Statement on Zimbabwe)
- **NAM 2008/Doc.9** (Report of the Senior Officials Meeting)

- NAM 2008/SOM/Doc.1 (Provisional Agenda for the Senior Officials Meeting of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/SOM/Doc.2 (Report of the preparatory Senior Officials Meeting)

- **NAM 2008/SOM/Doc.3** (Report by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the Preparatory Activities of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/PAL/Doc.1 (Agenda – Ministerial Meeting of the Committee on Palestine of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/INF.1 (Provisional Program of Work of the Senior Officials Meeting of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/INF.2 (Provisional Program of Work of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/INF.3 (Organization of Work of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/INF.4 (Nominees for the Bureau of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/INF.4/Rev.1 (Nominees for the Bureau of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/INF.4/Rev.2 (Nominees for the Bureau of the 15th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement)
- NAM 2008/INF.5 (Admission of New Members and Observers)
- NAM 2008/INF.6 (Guest Countries and Organizations)
- NAM 2008/INF.6/Add.1 (Guest Countries and Organizations)
- **NAM 2008/INF.7** (List of Participants)

30. The Closing Session was held in the evening of 30 July 2008. H.E. Mr. Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, delivered his closing remarks.

31. Statements were made by the representatives of regional groups, Ethiopia for Africa, the Philippines for Asia, Belarus for Europe, and Venezuela for Latin America and the Caribbean.

32. The Conference extended its sincere appreciation to the People and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for their warm welcome and generous hospitality and excellent arrangements made during the Conference and for the prevailing unity, wisdom and determination of all participants led to the successful conclusion of the Conference.