



## **NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK**

*13 March 2023, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain*

### **MANAMA DECLARATION**

We, the Members of Parliaments of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Member States,

Having met at the Second Conference of the NAM Parliamentary Network on March 13, 2023 in Manama, Bahrain on the sidelines of the 146<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and having reviewed the global security situation, including the complex international developments and their perilous multifaceted implications,

- 1. *Underscore*** the importance of the founding principles and the important role of the Non-Aligned Movement in addressing the challenges to peace, security, human rights and sustainable development and in seeking respect for the sovereignty and independence of States and non-interference in the internal affairs;
- 2. *Declare*** our unwavering commitment to the principles and objectives of the Non-Aligned Movement, articulated in Bandung (1955), Belgrade (1961) and Havana (2006) and their relevance to our efforts to achieve a world of peace, equality, cooperation and well-being for all;
- 3. *Express*** our strict adherence to the purposes, principles, and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;
- 4. *Recall*** the noble aim of the founding fathers of the Non-Aligned Movement to promote the peaceful coexistence and sustainable development of all nations in full compliance with the Bandung and Havana Principles and commend their far-reaching wisdom and determination which resulted in establishing the largest international political platform uniting like-minded members of the international community;
- 5. *Reaffirm*** the significant role that parliamentarians of the NAM Member States can play in ensuring full and effective compliance with the founding principles of the Movement, and attainment of its ideals and purposes;
- 6. *Emphasize our*** confidence that the NAM Parliamentary Network, through its activities, will contribute to the development of inter-parliamentary cooperation on a global scale, particularly among the members of the Movement;
- 7. *Express*** our serious concern that complex global challenges such as climate change, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, armed conflicts, geopolitical tensions, sustainable development, food and energy crisis as well as the global economic uncertainty that requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation;

- 8.** *Welcome* the outcomes of COP27, in particular, those related to the energy and just transition, and commends the efforts by Egypt as COP27 President to deliver on the loss and damage funding arrangements to support developing countries as a major milestone in achieving climate justice.
- 9.** *Commend* the role played by members of NAM in mobilizing global efforts to combat the COVID-19, as well as to address the far-reaching negative consequences of the pandemic through consecutive successful initiatives which have received broad international recognition and support;
- 10.** *Welcome*, in this regard, the holding of the most recent Summit-level meeting of the NAM Contact Group on COVID-19 on March 2, 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan and its resolute and tangible deliberations with regard to the post-pandemic global recovery;
- 11.** *Express* our determination as parliaments to complement the activities of the Governments in designing and putting in place the efficient national policies and strategies on post-pandemic recovery;
- 12.** *Commend* the initiatives of global significance, particularly those addressing the needs of vulnerable groups of countries, including Africa and Small Island Developing States, that aim to ensure the smoothest recovery from the pandemic;
- 13.** *Voice* our grave concern that, besides the pandemic, humanity is going through a difficult period where the international security system is also grappling with various unprecedented challenges and therefore, stress the need, in the current international circumstances, for strengthened unity within and increased effectiveness of the Movement;
- 14.** *Recognize* that inter-connectedness caused by globalization multiplies the effects of the challenges we are facing, which requires concerted, unified and cooperative responses;
- 15.** *Recognize* the need to enhance food and energy security for all NAM Member States;
- 16.** *Reiterate* in this regard our resolve to provide parliamentary support through diplomacy to the activities of NAM in overcoming existing complex global challenges and major problems of concern to all NAM Member States;
- 17.** *Emphasize* our determination to build and develop institutional dialogue and cooperation mechanisms with other international parliamentary structures on issues of common concern;
- 18.** *Underscore* our desire to gradually advance the institutional set-up and regulatory framework of the NAM Parliamentary Network, based on existing NAM methodology, for ensuring its operational effectiveness and better coordination among its members;
- 19.** *Welcome*, in this respect, the results of the Baku Conference of the NAM Parliamentary Network held on June 30-July 1, 2022 and its milestone achievements, in particular the adoption of the Baku Statute on Working Modalities of NAM Parliamentary Network;
- 20.** *Decide* to hold the next meeting of the NAM Parliamentary Network on March 25, 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland, on the sidelines of the 148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- 21.** *Express* our utmost gratitude to H.E. Mrs. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan and incumbent Chairperson of the NAM Parliamentary Network, for her continued efforts towards enhancing cooperation within and between parliaments of NAM Member States, including other international parliamentary organizations as well as for her contribution to the institutionalization process and the successful organization and chairing of the Second Conference of the NAM Parliamentary Network.