



# INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



**28 November 2021**

## **MADRID DECLARATION**

We, the Members of Parliaments of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Member States, having met at the Inaugural Meeting of the Parliamentary Network of NAM on 28 November 2021 in Madrid, Kingdom of Spain, undertook a review of global situation and NAM's standing in responding to the existing and emerging challenges to peace, security and sustainable development, and with a view to ensure parliamentary contribution to the solution of major problems of concern to all NAM Member States and entire mankind;

1. *Declare* our unwavering commitment to the principles and objectives of the Non-Aligned Movement, articulated in Bandung (1955) and Belgrade (1961) in our efforts to achieve a world of peace, equality, cooperation and well-being for all,
2. *Express* our strict adherence to the purposes, principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,
3. *Acknowledge* that preserving, reinvigorating and strengthening the values of multilateralism and international cooperation, which underpin the Charter of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is fundamental to promoting and supporting the three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, development and human rights,
4. *Recall*, in this regard, the noble aim of the founding fathers of the Non-Aligned Movement who gathered 60 years ago to promote the peaceful coexistence and sustainable development of all nations in full compliance with the Bandung Principles and commend their far-reaching wisdom and determination that resulted in establishing the second largest international platform uniting like-minded members of the international community;
5. *Express*, to that end, our satisfaction with continued relevance, strengthened unity and increased effectiveness of the Non-Aligned Movement in present times, in view of the persisting and emerging threats and challenges to international peace, security and sustainable development,
6. *Acknowledge* that inter-connectedness caused by globalization multiply the effects of the challenges we are facing which requires coordinated responses;
7. *Express* serious concern over the rapid spread of COVID-19, which continues to pose a major challenge to humanity and requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation,

8. *Note with appreciation*, the central role played by NAM in mobilizing global efforts to address the negative consequences of the pandemic through its several successful initiatives which have received broad international recognition and support, and welcome the initiatives of the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, with regard to the post-pandemic recovery,
9. *Acknowledge* the significant role that parliamentarians of the NAM Member States can play in ensuring full and effective compliance with founding principles of the Movement;
10. *Recall*, in this regard, the Outcome Document of the XVIII Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 25-26 October 2019, in particular its paragraph 24.24, where the heads of state and government decided to expand and deepen cooperation with parliamentarians of NAM on the recognition that they can perform a constructive role towards the attainment of the principles, ideals and purposes of the Movement;
11. *Decide* to establish the Parliamentary Network of the Non-Aligned Movement in order to:
  - contribute to wider awareness and promotion of the ideas and principles of the Movement among and within populations of the NAM Member States;
  - ensure parliamentary support, where appropriate, for NAM positions as expressed in the outcome documents of major NAM events;
  - provide a framework for cooperation and coordination among the parliaments of NAM Member States and for exchange of parliamentary experience in the field of peace, security, human rights and development;
  - provide input of parliamentarians in addressing the issues of concern for NAM Member States;
  - promote contacts with international parliamentary institutions for ensuring effective parliamentary cooperation.
12. *Decide* to hold the next meeting of the NAM Parliamentary Network in 2022 in Baku, Azerbaijan,
13. *Commend* the Republic of Azerbaijan, incumbent Chairmanship of NAM, for effectively steering the Non-Aligned Movement in a challenging period for all Member States,
14. Express gratitude to H.E. Mrs. Sahiba Gafarova, Chairperson of Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan for successful organization and charring of the Inaugural Meeting of the NAM Parliamentary Network.