



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

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### **GENEVA DECLARATION**

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

Having met at the Third Conference of the NAM Parliamentary Network on March 25, 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland, on the sidelines of the 148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and having reviewed the global security situation, including the new and emerging challenges and issues of concern to NAM Member States,

- 1. *Declare*** our unwavering commitment to the principles and purposes of the Non-Aligned Movement, articulated in Bandung (1955), Belgrade (1961) and Havana (2006) and their relevance to our efforts to achieve a peaceful, equitable and prosperous world;
- 2. *Emphasize*** the relevance of the founding principles and the crucial role of the Non-Aligned Movement in addressing the challenges to peace, security, human rights and sustainable development, as well as in upholding the principles of sovereignty of States, mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs;
- 3. *Reiterate*** our strict adherence to the goals and principles of the United Nations Charter and the principles of International Law, especially the principles of sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, and peaceful settlement of disputes;
- 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 Parliaments of the NAM Member States can assume in ensuring full and effective compliance with the founding principles of the Movement, as well as in achieving its ideals and purposes;
- 6. *Underscore*** our confidence that the NAM Parliamentary Network, through its activities, will contribute to the development of inter-parliamentary cooperation on a global scale, with a specific focus on fostering cooperation among members of the Movement;
- 7. *Express*** our profound concern regarding the enduring presence of multifaceted global challenges, including ongoing pandemics, health emergencies, geopolitical tensions, armed conflicts, climate change, sustainable development and the food and energy crisis that continue to remain a major challenge confronting humanity;
- 8. *Reiterate*** our determination as Parliaments to complement the activities of the Governments in crafting and implementing efficient national policies and strategies on issues of concern to NAM Member States;
- 9. *Stress*** the need, in the light of new and emerging challenges and issues of concern to NAM Member States, for strengthened unity within and increased effectiveness of the Movement;

- 10. Underscore** in this regard our strong commitment to provide parliamentary support through diplomacy to the activities of NAM in addressing existing complex global challenges and major problems of concern to all NAM Member States, which requires concerted, unified and cooperative responses;
- 11. Commend** the Republic of Azerbaijan, former Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement for its adherence to the promotion of multilateralism, regional and international peace and security, including the role played by in mobilizing global efforts to combat 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;
- 12. Support** the outcomes of the XIX Summit of Heads of State and Government of the NAM took place in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 19–20 January, 2024 under the theme, “Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence” and reaffirm the NAM Parliamentary Network’s commitment to advancing our collective desire for peace, stability, development and prosperity towards a stronger and united NAM;
- 13. Welcome** the new Chairmanship of the Republic of Uganda of the Non-Aligned Movement for the period of 2024-2027 and appreciate the commitment of the Republic of Uganda to the founding principles of the NAM, including its ideals and purposes as contained in the Ten Bandung Principles, as well as to the norms of International Law and the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;
- 14. Commend** the adherence of the Republic of Uganda to the promotion of multilateralism, regional and international peace and security, and the establishment of a just and prosperous world and express our resolute determination as Parliaments to support the Republic of Uganda in this role and to advance the fundamental purposes and principles of the Movement;
- 15. Welcome** the outcomes of COP28, in particular the first-ever Global Stocktake and commend the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for exemplary hosting of the COP28, as well as congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan for being chosen as a host country for COP29 and extend best wishes for successful organization of this crucial gathering, which will serve as a platform for fostering meaningful dialogue and global cooperation in combating climate change;
- 16. Commend** the organisation of the NAM Parliamentary Network Side-event by the NAM PN Secretariat on 25 October 2023, in Luanda, Angola, on the sidelines of the 147th IPU Assembly, as well as the co-organisation of the International Conference on "Decolonisation Dialogues: Legacies, Challenges and Progress" on 22 December 2023, together with the NAM Youth Organisation and the Baku Initiative Group;
- 17. Welcome** the admission of the Republic of South Sudan as a full Member State to the Non-Aligned Movement, and look forward to its contribution to the NAM PN’s endeavors;
- 18. Condemn** and call on to stop the continued deterioration of the situation on ground and humanitarian crisis being endured by Palestinian civilians in the Gaza strip, where the population, more than half of which are children, are suffering immense loss of life and injury, wide spread destruction of their homes and massive forced displacement as Israel continues to carry out indiscriminate attacks across the Gaza strip and reiterate support for establishment of an independent State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital and the right of return of the refugees.
- 19. Underscore** our aspiration to gradually advance the institutional framework and regulatory mechanisms of the NAM Parliamentary Network, particularly through the formation of the Bureau and Standing Committees of the NAM Parliamentary Network, based on existing NAM methodology, as well as with specific emphasis on continuing consultations on the establishment of the Headquarters of the NAM Parliamentary Network for ensuring its operational effectiveness and better coordination among its members;
- 20. Welcome**, in this respect, the results of the Baku (2022) and Manama Conferences (2023) of the NAM Parliamentary Network and their milestone achievements, in particular the adoption of the Baku Statute on Working Modalities of NAM Parliamentary Network along with Decisions regulating its operational framework;
- 21. Decide** to hold the next meeting of the NAM Parliamentary Network on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, on the sidelines of the \_\_\_\_ Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union;
- 22. Express** our utmost gratitude to H.E. Ms. 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 Third Conference of the NAM Parliamentary Network.