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Note verbale dated 14 October 1980 from the Permanent Mission of
Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to request him to circulate as an official document of the United Nations General Assembly, under agenda items 14, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, 37, 41, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50, 51, 58, 59, 61, 67, 74, 80, 86, 113 and 123, the annexed communiqué of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegations of the non-aligned countries to the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-fifth session.

ANNEX

Communiqué of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Ministers for
Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegations of the non-aligned
countries to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth
session

1. The Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegations of the non-aligned countries to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations held an extraordinary meeting at the Headquarters of the Organization on 2 and 3 October 1980, with a view to considering their actions in connexion with the items to be debated during the present session, and which are of special concern to the non-aligned countries.
2. The meeting observed a minute of silence in honour of the President of Yugoslavia, Josip Broz Tito, who as founding father of the Non-Aligned Movement made an invaluable contribution to the formulation of the principles and objectives of the policy of non-alignment, to the enhancement of the unity and solidarity of non-aligned countries and to the creation of a new, just and equitable international order; of the President of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama, and the President of Viet Nam, Mr. Ton Duc Thang, and recalled their unswerving efforts in the service of their countries and peoples, and their indefatigable dedication to the principles and aims of the Non-Aligned Movement.
3. The meeting acclaimed the presence of the representatives of the Republic of Zimbabwe, which now participates in our Movement in its capacity as an independent and sovereign State.
4. The Ministers and Heads of delegations took note of the Chairman's report on the activities of the non-aligned countries since the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government and urged all non-aligned countries to continue their efforts for the fulfilment of the decisions therein adopted.
5. The meeting expressed satisfaction that a large number of Ministers of the non-aligned and other countries participated in the seventh emergency special session of the General Assembly on the question of Palestine, which was convened from 22 to 29 July 1980, at the initiative of the non-aligned countries in conformity with the decisions of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries. The meeting also expressed satisfaction that a resolution on the question of Palestine was adopted by an overwhelming majority of the Members of the United Nations. The meeting took note that the emergency special session will be resumed at an appropriate time and that a report on the final outcome of the session will be submitted to the next ministerial meeting.
6. The meeting further took note of the convening of the sixth emergency special session of the General Assembly and of the eleventh special session of the Assembly.

7. The meeting heard the valuable contributions comprised in the statements of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegations on the important and urgent items related to the current international situation, which enriched the work of the non-aligned countries during the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

8. The Ministers expressed their concern at the continued deterioration of the international situation and the emergence of new hotbeds of tension. They expressed particular concern at increasing foreign armed intervention involving the introduction and presence of foreign military troops, mercenaries or irregulars under any pretext whatsoever, against the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of States, and interference in their internal affairs as well as against the struggle of peoples under colonial or alien occupation for self-determination and national independence. Since the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries was held, serious threats to the process of international détente have emerged, and the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, continues unabated. The continued presence of foreign military bases and the establishment of new ones, in the context of great Power rivalries and conflicts, and attempts to restore old and create new military pacts and alliances; the lack of agreement on solutions to the serious problems affecting the world economy, particularly the economies of developing countries and their right to exploit their natural resources, contributes to a worsening of the international situation. The threats to human survival have never been as grave as they are today. The Ministers reiterated that it was impossible fully to ensure equal security for all States without strict observance by all States of the principle of inadmissibility of the use of force, intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States under any pretext whatsoever. They also considered that the easing of tensions in all parts of the world and a peaceful solution of international problems affecting world peace and security was not possible without the active participation of all States, including non-aligned countries, on an equal footing.

9. The Ministers and Heads of delegations endorsed the conclusions of the Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, held on 29 and 30 September 1980.

10. The meeting examined the agenda of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly and agreed that the member countries of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries should give their priority, inter alia, to the following items and questions of common concern:

- I. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 14).
- II. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 18).
- III. Question of Cyprus (item 23).
- IV. Question of Palestine (item 24).

- V. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (item 25).
- VI. The situation in the Middle East (item 26).
- VII. Question of Namibia (item 27).
- VIII. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (item 28).
- IX. Drafting of an international convention against the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries (item 29).
- X. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (item 30).
- XI. Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security (item 31).
- XII. Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade (item 36).
- XIII. Nuclear capability of South Africa (item 37).
- XIV. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (item 41).
- XV. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 44).
- XVI. Conclusion of an international convention on the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; report of the Committee on Disarmament (item 45).
- XVII. Conclusion of an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 46).
- XVIII. Israeli nuclear armament (item 49).
- XIX. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (item 50):
 - (a) Implementation of the Declaration;
 - (b) Non-interference in the internal affairs of States; drafting of a Declaration on Inadmissibility of Intervention and Interference in the Internal Affairs of States.

- XX. Peaceful settlement of disputes between States (item 51).
- XXI. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (item 58). a/
- XXII. Questions relating to information (item 59).
- XXIII. Development and international economic co-operation (item 61).
- XXIV. Launching of global negotiations on international economic co-operation for development (item 123).
- XXV. Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (item 67).
- XXVI. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (item 74).
- XXVII. United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace (item 80).
- XXVIII. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa (item 86).
- XXIX. "The question of South African aggression against Angola and Zambia".
- XXX. Draft World Charter for Nature (item 113).

11. The meeting resolved that non-aligned countries should act in close co-operation with each other in respect to these items and all other items of special concern to the non-aligned countries on the agenda of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with the principles and objectives of non-alignment, and resolved to extend support for non-aligned candidates in the principal organs of the United Nations.

12. The Ministers and Heads of delegations further decided to review the mandate of the working, contact and drafting groups of the non-aligned countries.

13. The Ministers and Heads of delegations underlined the importance of the forthcoming conference of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Non-Aligned Countries for the further enhancing of the role and effectiveness of non-alignment

a/ The delegation of Senegal registered a reservation on the inclusion of this item.

in the solution of outstanding international problems. They decided to do their utmost in order to make that conference a full success. They took note with satisfaction that the Co-ordinating Bureau at the level of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations will meet soon in order to start the preparatory work of the next Ministerial Conference to be held at New Delhi, India, at the beginning of next year, in close co-ordination with the host country.

14. The meeting recalled that the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries will be commemorated next year. They noted with pleasure that India is arranging the celebration of the anniversary with the required solemnity on the occasion of the next Ministerial Conference. The meeting invited all non-aligned countries to undertake appropriate steps at the national level to commemorate the occasion.

15. The meeting took note of the valuable statement made by Premier George Price of Belize and reiterated its unconditional support for the early and secure independence of Belize with all its territory. It was agreed that the independence of Belize should no longer be delayed and that the Non-Aligned Movement will give its full support to an early time-table for the independence of Belize.

16. The meeting expressed its deep concern with and condemnation of the mounting terrorist acts against Missions accredited to the United Nations and their personnel, the most recent of which was the assassination of a member of the Cuban Mission on 11 September 1980. In this connexion, the meeting recalled relevant decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly and called upon the Secretary-General, in conformity with the Agreement between the host country and the United Nations, to contact the Permanent Representative of the host country, in order to jointly seek from the Government of the host country the effective implementation of measures to ensure the safety of all Missions and their members accredited to the United Nations, as well as the apprehension, prosecution and punishment of those responsible for these terrorist acts, in accordance with the provisions of the existing relevant international conventions.
