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THE COORDINATING BUREAU
OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MULTILATERALISM AND DIPLOMACY FOR PEACE

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) celebrates the commemoration of the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace, which was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations, following the adoption of resolution A/RES/73/127, upon initiative of the Movement.
2. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms its principled position on the pressing need to promote, defend and strengthen multilateralism and the multilateral decision-making processes, by strictly adhering to the purposes and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and to the norms of international law, while reaffirming its confidence that the approach of multilateralism and diplomacy could reinforce the advancement of the three pillars of the United Nations.
3. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) further reaffirms that the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace constitutes a means to promote the values of the United Nations and to reaffirm the faith of our peoples in the purposes and principles enshrined in its Charter, to reaffirm the importance and relevance of multilateralism and international law, and to advance the common goal of lasting and sustained peace through diplomacy; all of which are of utmost importance at this crucial moment, when international solidarity – a core value of the Movement – and multilateral cooperation are needed the most, in order to effectively defeat, through collective, coordinated and decisive actions, the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating impacts on all our nations, peoples and humanity as a whole.
4. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) notes that, this year, the observance of the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace coincides with the 65th Anniversary of the Afro-Asian Conference of 1955, which laid the foundations for the establishment of the Movement and resulted in the promulgation of the principles that have ever since guided its endeavors, and,



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in this context, seizes this opportunity to renew its unequivocal commitment with and full adherence to the Bandung Principles.

5. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) calls on the international community to observe the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace in an appropriate manner and invite it to disseminate the advantages of multilateralism and diplomacy for peace, including through education and public awareness-raising activities, and, in this context, appreciates the initial intent of the President of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, to convene High-level event to commemorate this important international day.

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