



БЕЛАРУСЬ

Non-Aligned Movement Coordinating Bureau at the Ministerial Level

Statement by H.E. Sergei Aleinik, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

New York, September 27, 2010

Distinguished Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished colleagues,

Belarus welcomes vigorous steps of the Egyptian chairmanship to further promote the Non-Aligned Movement and organize various events aimed at accomplishment of principles and ideas of the Movement. Belarus also commends the efforts our Egyptian colleagues put into the organization of the NAM coordinating bureau meeting at the ministerial level. It gives us an excellent opportunity to verify our views and share our ideas on the topical issues of the international agenda.

Fifty years after it started, the Non-Aligned Movement became a solid political force of a global scale to reckon with. During this period many goals have been achieved and important tasks accomplished.

We can look back with proud. We should look forward with confidence that the Non-Aligned Movement will remain a driving force for making this world better for the peoples of our countries and future generations.

We believe that the time left for the ministerial meeting in Indonesia should be used for thorough examining of not only our achievements but of steps and measures we should take to strengthen the Movement and make it fully equipped to face the modern challenges.

Nowadays the development of the international ties and transformation of the inter-alliances cooperation into a more complicated geopolitical mechanisms give us opportunities to strengthen the Movement. We note with satisfaction that the voice of the Movement is well recognized within the UN. Due to the NAM member-states' constructive position, many of the NAM statements on key issues of the global agenda were negotiated and delivered.

We think that the interaction in the UN should not be the only space for the effective cooperation between the Non-Aligned Movement countries. The NAM's voice should be strong in all international organizations and multilateral fora.

We believe it may be a proper time to consider steps for the institutional strengthening of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairman,

In the light of the complicated global threats and challenges the Non-Aligned Movement, like any other interstate entity, should play a significant role in identifying new perspective and reliable forms of international cooperation adequate to the requirements of today's world. The position, proposals and ideas of the NAM should be visible if we really intend to make an influence on the world development processes.

We should not forget that our Movement is a unique space where we could develop the most advanced forms of international cooperation and then, after their practical application within the Movement, propose them to the world.

We already have some good examples. First of all, I mean the New UN Partnership for Africa's Development. Of course, this partnership is being realized under the aegis of the United Nations. Nevertheless, it is much more important that it had been initiated by developing countries – members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Five years ago from the rostrum of the United Nations General Assembly the Belarus delegation called for a Global Partnership against Slavery and Human Trafficking. Today, this partnership is becoming a reality also because of strong support in promoting the ideas of this global partnership by a great number of the Non-Aligned Movement countries.

To our mind, this is the optimal way, how the Movement can promote its interests over the world. The policy of global partnerships will also help us to develop working dialogue with other centres of power. In other words, the NAM should act with single voice as the single partner that proposes its ideas of cooperation to other countries and interstate entities, including great powers, to solve collectively the pressing global and regional problems.

The wise men from the country of our distinguished chairman say: "One hand does not clap alone". Therefore, all of us in a collective effort can reinforce and strengthen the Movement based on our traditions, constructive and weighted-out approaches in order to make our followers be proud of high reputation of the NAM.