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THE COORDINATING BUREAU  
OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



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on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)**

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**H.E. Mr. Shavket Mirziyoyev, Interim President of the Republic of Uzbekistan,  
H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan,  
H.E. Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Hamad Al Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister  
of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, Chairman of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of  
Foreign Ministers,  
H.E. Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani, Secretary-General of the OIC,  
Honorable Ministers of Foreign Affairs,  
Distinguished Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. It is a great honor for me to address Your Excellencies on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) at this 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC).
2. At the outset, allow me to thank the honorable Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan for its kind invitation to participate, insofar as Observer Member to the OIC, in this important session, and to express our gratitude to the People of Tashkent for their kind generosity and hospitality.
3. I also avail myself of this opportunity to transmit, on behalf of the Member States of the Movement, our sincere condolences to the People and Government of Uzbekistan after the passing away of President Islam Karimov, to whom we pay tribute at this time.

**Mr. President,**

4. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Non-Aligned Movement have a history of close partnership and cooperation, sharing most of its Member States in both forums. Most worthy of noting is the fact that both the NAM and the OIC are united by a common purpose and by the sharing of the same principles, understanding that the preservation and promotion of an inclusive multilateralism is the most effective tool for addressing the global and emerging challenges that we currently face.



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5. The Movement's calls for social justice and development are reflected in the theme of this important meeting: "Education and Enlightenment: The Path to Peace and Creativity". As stated in the Declaration of Margarita, adopted in the recently held 17<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, education is an inalienable human right that must include all sectors of society, which should be promoted along with our commitment to combat illiteracy as a way to contribute to overcoming poverty and social exclusion. This, in our view, will contribute to achieving sustainable peace and stability in today's world.
6. In that regard, the Non-Aligned Movement reiterates hereby its full commitment to the promotion of respect for religious, social and cultural diversity; to the promotion of a culture of peace, tolerance and respect between societies and nations; to the promotion of intercultural, interreligious and inter-civilizations dialogue. Hence, we welcome the OIC's initiative of launching a Centre for Dialogue, Peace and Understanding, which shall contribute in the fight against all forms of terrorism and violent extremism, including as an important mean to combat radicalization to violence and incitement to commit terrorist acts, particularly through the Internet and Social Media.
7. To conclude, Mr. President, the Non-Aligned Movement wishes every success to the Organization of Islamic Conference, including during this 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and looks forward to further strengthen its partnership, in their mutual strive for peace, prosperity and harmony for all, and for a world more just and equitable.

I thank you, Mr. President.