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I. ACTIVITIES OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU

I.1 Statements and Communiqués by the Coordinating Bureau

The Coordinating Bureau negotiated and adopted a total of 21 statements and communiqués on issues of critical importance for the Movement, conveying its positions on the issues under discussion.

- On 23 September 2006, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Press Communiqué issued that same day by the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, condemning the arbitrary detention by United States authorities of H.E. Mr. Nicolás Maduro, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York.
- On 13 October 2006, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement on the nuclear test carried out by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
- On 9 November 2006, a statement was adopted on the deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.
- On 5 January 2007, a statement was issued expressing the Movement's support for the appointment of Dr. Asha-Rose Mtengeti-Migiro as Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- On 22 January, a statement was adopted reiterating the Movement's support for the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian State, based on the 1967 borders and with East Jerusalem as its capital, and rejecting the so-called Palestinian State with provisional borders.
- On 29 January 2007, a statement was adopted on the case of the Libyan children infected with the HIV virus.
- On 5 of February 2007, a statement was adopted on the remarks by the Israeli Prime Minister regarding his country's possession of nuclear weapons.
- On 12 February 2007, a statement was adopted on the Israeli illegal actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.
- On 20 March 2007, a statement was adopted expressing Non-Aligned Movement's support of to the recently established Palestinian National Unity Government.

- On 20 April 2007, a statement was adopted condemning the release of the international terrorist Luis Posada Carriles in the United States.
- On 7 May 2007, a statement was adopted on the implementation of General Assembly Resolutions A/RES/61/256 and A/RES/61/257, which expressed the interest of the Movement that the new posts of Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Field Support and for the Office for Disarmament Affairs were allocated to representatives of developing countries.
- On 24 May 2007, the Coordinating Bureau issued a Communiqué on the Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.
- On 6 June 2007, a statement was adopted on the imposition of unilateral sanctions against the Republic of Sudan.
- On 14 July 2007, a statement was adopted on the Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.
- On 21 September 2007, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The draft statement was circulated on 20 September. At the request of the Chair, this statement was published as an official UNGA and Security Council document, under reference A/62/367-S/2007/571.
- On 17 January 2008, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement on the deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem. The draft statement was circulated among delegations from the Movement for its consideration on 16 January. At the request of the Coordinating Bureau Chair, the text was circulated as an official UN General Assembly and Security Council document under reference A/62/652-S/2008/28.
- On 31 January 2008, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement in reaction to the Security Council's inability to act effectively in connection with the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly the Gaza Strip. At the request of the Chair, the statement was circulated as an official UN General Assembly and Security Council document under reference A/62/672-S/2008/70.
- On 29 February 2008, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The Chair asked for this statement to be published as an official UN General Assembly and Security Council document.
- On 6 March 2008, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement on the situation in Bolivia. The draft declaration was previously circulated among all NAM delegations on 5 March.

- On 20 March 2008, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement on the imposition of unilateral sanctions on Belarus. The draft declaration and a revised version of the document were circulated among all NAM delegations for comments on 13 and 19 March, respectively. At the request of the Chair, this statement was circulated as an official UN General Assembly and Security Council document under code A/62/763-S/2008/199.
- On 22 May 2008, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement on the rebel attack on the Sudanese capital. The draft was sent to all NAM members for their consideration on May 21.

1.2. Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau and other related activities, as part of the High-Level Segment of the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly (24-28 September 2007)

The Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held successfully on 28 September 2008 as part of the High-Level Segment of the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly, chaired by Minister of Foreign Relations of Cuba H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque. The Ministerial Meeting saw high levels of participation by representatives (101 delegations from member countries and NAM observers).

The UN Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, and the Chair of the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Srgjan Kerim attended the opening of this important gathering and delivered important speeches.

The Minister of Foreign Relations of Cuba presented a report on the activities undertaken during Cuba's term as the NAM Chair, from the 14th Summit held in September 2006, and provided participants with information on other ministerial meetings the Movement was involved in during the High Level Segment of the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly.

The ministers held an interactive debate on the issue of "Concrete measures to strengthen the Non-Aligned Movement's capacity for action", in which 35 delegations, including 19 Foreign Ministers, participated. Highly useful ideas and specific proposals to continue revitalizing and strengthening the Movement were advanced.

Similarly, the other NAM meetings scheduled for the High Level Segment of the 62nd Period of Sessions of the UN General Assembly were held successfully, namely: the NAM Troika Ministerial Meeting (25 September), the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Committee on Palestine (25 September), the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM and European Union Troikas (26 September) and the Ministerial Level Meeting of the NAM Chair, assisted by the Troika, and the Russian Federation (27 September). All saw high levels of participation by the various representatives.

1.3 Actions of the Coordinating Bureau in the Security Council

The Coordinating Bureau has, in a timely fashion, conveyed to the Security Council the positions of the Non-Aligned Movement on issues debated by this body, of particular importance for Non-Aligned Movement members. Progress has been made in connection with the coordination of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council, which holds periodic meetings to arrive at positions on issues under debate in the Council, selects a coordinator from among its members on a rotational basis and reports to the Coordinating Bureau on its activities, a mechanism which has been useful in terms of interacting with the remaining members of the Movement.

Among other aspects, the Non-Aligned Movement has expressed concern regarding the working methods of the Council and has denounced its continued encroachment on issues under the purview of other principal UN bodies, such as the General Assembly and ECOSOC.

In this connection, the Coordinating Bureau Chair has expressed, during different debates at the Security Council, the positions of the Movement on issues prioritized by its members, such as the defense of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people in their struggle.

Unfortunately, we have not always been able to voice the Movement's stance freely at the Security Council, chiefly owing to the refusal of some permanent members to permit open and transparent debates as a basic working procedure in this body. The Movement's dissatisfaction with this practice has been brought to the attention of the pertinent Chairs of the Security Council, in a timely fashion and on behalf of the members, by the Coordinating Bureau chair.

1.4 Other actions undertaken by the Coordinating Bureau in the United Nations

The actions undertaken by the NAM Coordinating Bureau have an impact on practically each of the main areas currently discussed upon within the United Nations, particularly those about which leaders within the Movement have expressed their considerations and elaborated guidelines in the course of the Movement's history, at its Summits of Heads of State and Government. The last of these, the 14th Summit held in Havana in September 2006, reaffirmed the Movement's historic postures and negotiated new positions and additional guidelines in step with today's realities and the new challenges that Non-Aligned countries face in today's complex international arena. These positions and guidelines were subsequently strengthened at later NAM ministerial meetings.

In this connection, the Coordinating Bureau continued its work in different spaces and through different debate processes within the UN. Its agreements and

recommendations allowed our Movement to successfully participate in the negotiations and deliberations which have taken place at the United Nations or to divulge the agreements arrived at by the Movement at different multilateral fora. What follow are some of the actions or outcomes completed or attained from September 2006 to 5 July 2008.

- Active coordination with G-77 and China, through the Joint Coordination Committee of the groups. This has allowed developing countries to have an effective say, during discussions linked to the UN reform process, including on the System Coherence, Mandate Review and Department for Political Affairs's reform.
- The active participation of the Coordinating Bureau in the consultation and negotiation processes at the UN General Assembly, which led to the restructuring of the Departments for Disarmament Affairs and the Department for Peace Keeping Operations, on the basis of an initial proposal from the Secretary General.
- The concrete positions and proposals presented by the Coordinating Bureau had an impact on the work of the Commission for the Consolidation of Peace, within the UN General Assembly and Security Council.
- The active participation and effective impact had by the NAM Coordinating Bureau Working Groups (Legal Matters, Human Rights, Disarmament, Information, Peace-Keeping Operations, Mandate Review or UN General Assembly Revitalization) in and on different processes or negotiations in the UN and its main bodies, particularly the General Assembly and its main committees. This had helped consolidate the proactive approach in the work of the Coordinating Bureau, including the presentation of concrete initiatives within the ambit of the UN and other multilateral fora.
- Statements on behalf of NAM in the 2007 and 2008 sessions of the UN Special Committee on Decolonization, particularly on the issue of Puerto Rico.
- Divulging of the Teheran Declaration and the Action Program adopted the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity held in Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran, in September 2007.
- The timely condemnation, before the UN Secretariat, of the improper use of the UN venue to carry out hostile actions against member states that are NAM members.
- The condemnation, before the Committee on Relations with the Host Country on the arbitrary travel restrictions imposed upon a number of permanent missions of NAM member countries.

1.5 Palestine

Solidarity and full support for the Palestinian cause have constituted permanent and essential activities for the Coordinating Bureau, on the basis of the outcome documents adopted by the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement. A number of actions have been carried out, both in the General Assembly and in the Security Council.

- Since the holding of the 14th NAM Summit to date, the Coordinating Bureau has adopted 10 statements on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as well as on other questions related to the issue of Palestine.
- On 15 November 2006, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the President of the General Assembly, requesting the convening of the Resumed 10th Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly on Illegal Israeli Actions in Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- On 28 November 2006, a letter by the Minister of Foreign Relations of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Cuban people, was sent the Chair of the Committee for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, on the occasion of the International Solidarity with Palestine Day. The message from the Cuban Foreign Minister was read at the official ceremony of solidarity with the Palestinian people held on 29 November 2006, in New York and at the Geneva and Vienna venues.
- On 28 November 2006, a letter was conveyed to the President of the General Assembly, requesting the convening of a resumed meeting of the Tenth Special Emergency Session of the General Assembly to consider the issue: "The illegal actions of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem", in particular to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the Registry of Damages caused by the Wall constructed by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.
- On 29 and 30 November 2006, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau delivered statements in the debate of the General Assembly agenda item 13 "The Situation in the Middle East" and 14 "The Question of Palestine".
- On 12 December 2006, on behalf of the States members of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau co-sponsored the draft resolution entitled "Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory," introduced in the plenary of the General Assembly.

- On 15 December 2006, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement during the Resumed 10th Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly to examine the Establishment of a UN Registry of Damages Caused by the Construction of the Wall in Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- On 22 March 2007, Cuba's Permanent Representative at the UN, on behalf of NAM, delivered statements during the International Meeting in support of peace between Israel and Palestine, sponsored by the United Nations, held in Rome, Italy.
- On 9 May 2007, during the Africa Meeting of the UN Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People held in South Africa, the Cuban Ambassador delivered a statement at the opening session on behalf of the NAM Chair.
- On 7 June 2007, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau read a message sent by the H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, during the Special Session on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the occupation of the Palestinian Territory by Israel.
- On 21 June 2007, an informal meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was convened to hear a briefing by Mr. David Shearer, Head of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), on the present situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.
- On 17 October 2007, at the request of the Palestinian delegation, 5 draft resolutions on the matter of Palestine were circulated to request the support of NAM member countries. These draft resolutions were considered during the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly.
- On 25 September 2007, the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Committee on Palestine was held as part of the High Level Segment of the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly. Eleven of the thirteen countries that make up the Committee participated, 7 of them represented at the ministerial level. A Declaration on Palestine was adopted to reiterate essential elements of a similar declaration approved during the 14th Summit and to bring the Movement up to date on an issue which is a top priority for its members.
- On 29 September 2007, Minister of Foreign Relations of Cuba Felipe Pérez Roque, on behalf of NAM, sent a message to H.E. Mr. Paul Badji, Chair of the UN Committee for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, which was delivered by the Chair of Coordinating Bureau.

- On 29 November 2007, during a special meeting organized in Geneva to celebrate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Cuban Ambassador Juan Antonio Fernández delivered a speech on behalf of the NAM, in which he reiterated the Movement's historic stance of solidarity towards the Palestinian cause.
- On 22 January 2008, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau spoke at the Security Council Emergency Session to voice, on behalf of Movement's member countries, a condemnation of Israeli attacks on Palestine civilian population in the Gaza Strip. The Movement called on the international community, particularly the Security Council, to meet its responsibilities, and urged Israel to put an immediate end to these violations and assume its obligations under international law and pertinent UN resolutions.
- On 19 and 20 February 2008, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau participated and spoke at the UN Seminary on Assistance to the Palestinian People, held in Amman, Jordan.
- On 12 June 2008, the Ministerial Committee on Palestine met at the ambassador level, as part of the preparations for the 15th NAM Ministerial Meeting. In this context, Committee members reviewed and supported the draft Declaration on Palestine, for its adoption at the Ministerial Conference in Tehran. Similarly, they approved the provisional agenda for that meeting.

1.6 Coordination with the Group of 77 and China (Joint Coordination Committee)

Periodic contacts and a close coordination have been held and maintained with the Chair of the Group of 77 and China, in 2007 with Pakistan as Chair and in 2008 under the leadership of Antigua and Barbuda, with a view to coordinating and arriving at common positions with respect to issues where the interests of the two groups coincide. These efforts, whereby the NAM and Group of 77 and China have coordinated positions jointly, proved particularly effective for consultations and negotiations in the process of maximizing the coherence of the United Nations System, which is part of the reform process. The call to maintain the "integral" character of the process continues to be the main demand put forth by the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC).

The actions undertaken by the JCC include:

- On 7 January 2007, the Co-Chairs of the NAM Coordinating Bureau and the Group of 77 and China sent a letter to the President of the General Assembly, expressing the guidelines under which the JCC agreed to continue with the mandates review exercise.
- On 23 February 2007, the JCC met at the ambassadorial level to consider the Secretary-General's proposals for restructuring the DDA and DPKO.
- On 19 March 2007, the Co-Chairs of the JCC sent a letter to the Secretary-General regarding the Report of the High-Level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence. This letter expressed the viewpoints and concerns of the Non-Aligned Movement and the G-77 on the aforementioned Report.
- On 15 April 2007, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan, in his capacity as Co-Chair of the JCC, made a statement about the Secretary-General's Report on the High-Level Panel's Report on System-wide Coherence, in the informal consultations called by the President of the United Nations General Assembly.
- On 4 May 2007, the JCC met at the ambassadorial level to continue exchanging views on the Report presented by the Secretary-General in connection with the High-Level Panel's Report on United Nations System-wide Coherence.
- On 10 May 2007, the Co-Chairs of the JCC met with the President of the General Assembly and conveyed the JCC position regarding the Report of the Secretary-General on the High-Level Panel's Report on United Nations System-wide Coherence.
- On 16 May 2007, the Co-Chairs of the JCC met informally with the Troika of the European Union, at the request of the latter, to exchange views on the process of discussion of the Report of the Secretary-General on the recommendations of the High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence.
- On 23 May 2007, the Co-Chairs of the JCC met with the President of the General Assembly, at the latter's request, with a view to discussing the issue of system-wide coherence.
- On 6 June 2007, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement, on behalf of the JCC, during the General Assembly informal meeting for the consideration of the High-Level Panel's Report on United Nations System-wide Coherence and the Secretary-General's Report on the Panel's recommendations.

- On 20 June 2007, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China made a statement on behalf of the JCC during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on United Nations System-wide Coherence, regarding the recommendations on humanitarian issues and recovery.
- On 22 June 2007, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China delivered a statement on behalf of the JCC during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on United Nations System-wide Coherence, specifically regarding the issue of governance and institutional reform.
- On 28 June 2007, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement on behalf of the JCC, during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on System-wide Coherence, regarding the issue of United Nations business practice.
- On 23 July 2007, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement on behalf of the JCC, during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on System-wide Coherence, specifically regarding the issue of human rights.
- On 2 August 2007, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China made a statement on behalf of the JCC during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on System-wide Coherence, relative to Delivering as One at Country Level and Funding.
- On 7 September 2007, a Verbal Note (NAM/249/2007) was issued to inform delegations of a meeting convened by the General Assembly Chair, to which the Co-Chairs of the JCC were invited. At this meeting, the General Assembly Chair presented two draft resolutions on System-wide Coherence and on gender equality and the empowerment of women. Following several expert-level consultations, on 13 September, the JCC agreed to issue a draft resolution on System-wide Coherence for submission to the General Assembly Chair.
- On 11 October 2007, the gathering requested by the UN Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs to the JCC took place, with a view to providing participants with information on the proposals for the restructuring of the Department of Political Affairs (DPA). Some 12 JCC delegations spoke at this meeting and expressed their comments and concerns about this issue.

- On 16 November 2007, the JCC Work Group on Mandate Review met to consider the document from the General Assembly Chair on how to move this exercise forward. At this meeting, the Group traced a common strategy to respond to this document and reiterate the JCC's positions, including, among other things, the demand not to eliminate politically sensitive mandates without the consent of the States involved.
- On 11 January 2008, at the ceremony held to transfer the G-77 Chair from - Pakistan to Antigua and Barbuda, the Prime Minister of the former, H.E. Mr. Baldwin Spencer spoke and referred to cooperation with NAM through the JCC. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau spoke on behalf of the NAM and insisted on the importance of continuing to strengthen coordination between NAM and the Group of 77 and China and of continuing to take steps towards the definition and defence of the stances of developing nations on the issue of UN System-wide Coherence, Mandate Review and others.
- On 6 February 2008, the JCC Co-Chairs (Cuba and Antigua and Barbuda) met to tackle and trace courses of action on the following issues: UN System-wide Coherence and the reform of the Department of Political Affairs.
- On 7 February 2008, Cuba's Permanent Representative at the UN, in his capacity as JCC Co-Chair, spoke at the informal consultations convened by the General Assembly Chair to tackle the issue of UN System-wide Coherence and, particularly, to debate on the future of this process and introduce the new negotiation co-facilitators.
- On 9 February 2008, Cuba's Permanent Representative at the UN, in his capacity as JCC Co-Chair, spoke at the informal consultations convened by the General Assembly Chair to tackle the issue of UN System-wide Coherence. He reiterated the JCC's position, which included, among other elements, the following points: the integral nature of the process, the importance of financing and the concern that trans-sectorial issues be used as conditional elements.
- On 4 March 2008, a JCC meeting was held to continue discussions on the issue of UN System-wide Coherence and to reaffirm agreements in this connection to tackle consultations and negotiations within the UN General Assembly.
- On 6 March 2008, a letter by the JCC Co-Chairs was sent the UN under Secretary General for Political Affairs, H.E. Mr. Lynn Pascoe. The letter expressed the positions of the Group on the proposal to reform the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), submitted by the UN Secretary General.
- On 13 March 2008, an expert-level JCC meeting was held to revise mandates on humanitarian issues. The immediate actions to be undertaken by the Group in this area were defined.

- On 14 March 2008, an expert-level JCC meeting was held to review the issue of UN System-wide Coherence.
- On 24 March 2008, the JCC Co-Chairs met with the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Tanzania, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the UN System-wide Coherence process, at the request of the latter. The Chair informed the Coordinating Bureau about this meeting through Verbal Note NAM/99/2008
- On 28 March 2008, the NAM Coordinating Bureau Chair spoke on behalf of the JCC to express the Group's position vis-à-vis the issue of Delivering as One, during the informal consultations of the plenary on UN System-wide Coherence.
- On 7 April 2008, the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda, in its capacity as JCC Co-Chair, delivered a statement which expressed the Group's position with respect to Financing during the informal consultations of the UN General Assembly on UN System-wide Coherence.
- On 8 April 2008, as per a previous JCC decision, the JCC Co-Chairs sent a joint letter to the Co-Chairs of the UN System-wide Coherence process. The draft letter was previously circulated among NAM delegations for comments on 7 April.
- On 10 April 2008, a JCC meeting was held to debate on issues related to the UN System-wide Coherence process. Those in attendance also received information from the UN Secretariat Joint Inspection Unit Chair.
- On 11 April 2008, the Coordinating Bureau Chair, in his capacity as JCC Co-Chair, met with the Co-Facilitators (Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Tanzania) for the Un System-wide Coherence process at their request.
- On 11 April 2008, an expert-level meeting of the JCC Working Group for Mandate Review was convened with a view to defining positions with respect to the analysis and recommendations on mandates put forth by the Thematic Group on Humanitarian Affairs.
- On 17 April 2008, the Coordinating Bureau Chair, in his capacity as JCC Co-Chair, delivered a statement on the issue of Governance during the informal consultations on UN System-wide Coherence. The draft statement was circulated on 15 April for the consideration of JCC delegations.
- On 8 and 14 May, 2008, the NAM Coordinating Bureau Chair met with the Co-Facilitators for Mandate Review at the latter's request. The Coordinating Bureau Chair reiterated the JCC's positions on this issue.

- On 16 May 2008, the Chair of Group of 77 and China, in his capacity as JCC Co-Chair, delivered statements on the issue of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women during the informal consultations of the UN General Assembly on UN System-wide Coherence. The draft statement was circulated among JCC delegations for their consideration on 15 May.
- On 16 June 2008, the NAM Coordinating Bureau Chair spoke on behalf of the JCC on the issue of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women during the informal consultations on UN System-wide Coherence. The draft speech was distributed for comments among JCC delegations on 14 June.

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WORKING GROUPS AND OTHER MECHANISMS OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU

II.1 Working Group on Disarmament

The Non-Aligned Movement Working Group on Disarmament and International Security, coordinated by Indonesia, continued promoting the positions the Non-Aligned Movement on disarmament and international security issues in the different meetings on the issue that have taken place in New York and other multilateral venues, on the basis of the Final Document of the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The paragraphs agreed upon in the Havana Summit on this subject were circulated as a working document of the First Committee during the 61st session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2006. Six draft resolutions¹ were presented in the First Committee, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, in 2006 and eight draft resolutions² in 2007, for

¹ The draft resolutions are:

1. Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control
2. Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation
3. Relationship between disarmament and development
4. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament
5. United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament
6. Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol.

² The draft resolutions are:

1. Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation
2. Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace
4. Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium
5. Relationship between disarmament and development
6. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security
7. United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament
8. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

their adoption during the 61st and 62nd Sessions of the UN General Assembly, respectively. These draft resolutions were approved, first, at the Commission and, later, at the General Assembly Plenary. The Working Group on Disarmament held several meetings to prepare these draft resolutions. Indonesia, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, made a statement at the General Debate of the UN General Assembly First Committee, during the 61st and 62nd Sessions.

In the first quarter of 2007, fulfilling a mandate of the Coordinating Bureau, this Working Group was actively involved in the consultations carried out to articulate the position of the Movement regarding the Secretary-General's proposal to restructure DDA. The Movement had a key participation in the negotiating process of the resolution on this issue adopted by the General Assembly on 15 March 2007.

In addition to this, in 2007, the Working Group defined NAM positions with a view to participating in the sessions of the Open-Ended Work Group for the preparation of the Fourth Special Session of the UN General Assembly on Disarmament (SSOD-IV), specifically devoted to the preparation of an agenda and work aims of the meeting. On the basis of these efforts, Indonesia delivered a statement on behalf of NAM during the General Debate and the Movement was able to present a concrete agenda and work aims proposal.

This Working Group prepared the statements delivered by the Non-Aligned Movement in the general debate of the U.N. Disarmament Commission meeting for the years 2007 and 2008, presented by Indonesia, in its capacity as Working Group Coordinator. Similarly, in 2007, it drafted and presented, on behalf of the Movement, a comprehensive and detailed working paper to the Working Group on Nuclear Disarmament, with concrete proposals on the issue. This document was also the basis of NAM positions during debates on nuclear disarmament in the work carried out by the Disarmament Commission in 2008.

The members of this Working Group that are States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) prepared, the NAM statements both for the General Debate of the First and Second Meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the Review Conference of the NPT, held in Vienna (30 April-11 May 2007) and Geneva (28 April- 12 May de 2008), respectively, and for the thematic discussions which took place at both PrepCom sessions. Through the work of the Preparatory Committee, NAM has presented 11 working documents which contain the positions of Non-Aligned countries on the majority of substantial issues debated on in the preparation for the 8th Review Conference of the NPT.

At the second PrepCom session, Non-Aligned countries which are States Parties to the NPT, decided to nominate the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe at the UN as their candidate for the position of Chair of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Eighth Review Conference of the NPT, to be held in New York in 2009. In addition to this, discussions were held on the nomination of the candidate for

the position of Chair of the 8th Review Conference, which must also be selected from among Group countries.

In June 2008, the Work Group, as per the Coordinating Bureau mandate, undertook the negotiations of the disarmament section of the draft Final Document of the 15th NAM Ministerial Conference (Inter-Summit) and the initial negotiations for the draft Declaration on Iran's nuclear program, which must also be adopted at the Ministerial Conference.

II.2. Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

During this period, this Working Group, coordinated by Morocco, was active in the Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and all fora and negotiating processes linked to the discussions on the proposal of the Secretary-General to realign the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the sessions of the Fourth Committee of the UN General Assembly during the 61st and 62nd Sessions, the Memorandum of Understanding among the United Nations and the troop contributing countries, the Strategy of the Secretary-General for the assistance to victims of abuse and sexual exploitation, the debate on the document prepared by the Secretariat in connection with PKO doctrine (Capstone Doctrine) and the consultations and negotiations surrounding the report of the UN Secretary General on Security Sector Reform. In all the cases it made concrete statements and proposals.

In the first quarter of 2007, In fulfilling the mandate by the Coordinating Bureau, this Working Group participated actively in the consultation process carried out within the Non-Aligned Movement to articulate the position of the Non-Aligned Countries regarding the proposal of restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the U.N. Secretariat presented by the Secretary-General. The Movement played a key role in the negotiating process of the resolution on the issue adopted by the General Assembly on 15 March 2007.

The Working Group on PKO, by virtue of an agreement of the Coordinating Bureau, sent the Secretary General a letter on the appointment of the Under Secretary General for the Department of Field Support and on the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

It is important to emphasize that the unity and the role of the Non-Aligned Movement in the negotiation of the Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34) during the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly, were decisive in the defense of the positions of the Movement, in particular on the guiding principles governing Peacekeeping Operations.

II.3. Working Group on Human Rights

The Working Group on Human Rights, coordinated by Cuba, held a number of meetings during the 61st and 62nd Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, in 2006 and

2007, respectively, to define the positions of the Non-Aligned Movement with regard to the three traditional NAM draft resolutions in the Third Committee: "Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights", "Right to development" and "Human rights and unilateral coercive measures", which were adopted by the Commission and, subsequently, at the General Assembly plenary.

In addition to this, as agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, during the two sessions (61st and 62nd), the Coordinator of the Group read a statement reiterating NAM's position regarding the presentation of country-specific resolutions targeting NAM countries within the context of the UN General Assembly Third Commission. This statement was read in each of the sessions where such draft resolutions were considered.

The Group met with Mrs. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflicts, who presented information on this issue. The Chair informed the Coordinating Bureau of this meeting via Verbal Note NAM/98/2008.

The Group's actions proved decisive in connection with the adoption of draft resolution L.32, titled "Institution-building of Human Rights Council", at the UN General Assembly Third Committee, during the 62nd Session in 2007. Cuba, on behalf of NAM, formulated a draft amendment which was co-sponsored by 13 other countries. On 16 November 2007, this amendment was adopted by consensus, from which Israel and the United States dissociated themselves. This NAM initiative facilitated the definitive adoption of draft resolution L.32 by the UN General Assembly and, consequently, of the institution-building package for the Human Rights Council and the Code of Conduct for special procedures mandate holders. This last document is of special significance for Third World countries, particularly for those that are subject to scrutiny under special procedures.

One of the challenges that lies in store for the Group surrounds contributing to the application of the agreements contained in the Teheran Declaration and the Program of Action adopted at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity.

II.4. Working Group on the Revitalization of the UNGA

During the period, this Working Group, coordinated by Algeria, was active in defending the traditional positions of the Movement in such an important issue. In this regard, the Group met frequently throughout the consultation process conducted by the Facilitators appointed by the UN General Assembly Chair for the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly. As a result of this, the Coordinator delivered statements in the informal sessions, as well as presented concrete language proposals to the Facilitators regarding the draft resolution under discussion.

On 11 May 2007, the Working Group on the Revitalization of the UNGA adopted a document on the different proposals made by the Facilitators, to be discussed during a

series of six interactive debates that took place in the context of the process of informal consultations.

All of the above allowed the Non-Aligned Movement to show a solid and substantive position in this process during the 61st session of the General Assembly, which culminated with the adoption of Resolution 61/292, containing the positions of the Movement.

On 21 November 2007, the Group met with a view to preparing a NAM statement for the UN General Assembly debate on Agenda item 121 ("Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly"). This statement included the Movement's position of principles on the issue and expressed concerns over the delay in the issuing of the report by the Secretary General in connection with the implementation of previous resolutions on the same issue, as was requested by member States under Resolution 61/292. In addition to this, it included references to positions adopted under the Final Document of the 14th Summit on the Revitalization of the General Assembly, particularly those related to the supremacy of the UN General Assembly, the balance among main UN bodies and criticisms surrounding the encroachment of General Assembly functions by the Security Council.

On 30 May 2008, the Algeria, in its capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group of Revitalization delivered a statement at the meeting of the Open-Ended Work Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly which reaffirmed the Movement's positions with respect to this issue.

II.5. Working Group on Legal Matters

During this time, the Working Group on Legal Matters, coordinated by Cuba, held a number of meetings to exchange views among NAM members on specific issues included in the agenda of Sixth Committee of the UNGA. Specific actions have been materialized with respect to certain issues of interest, such as the definition of the crime of aggression and the conditions for the exercise of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court regarding this crime; the criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts in mission; the Special Committee of the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the Organization; measures to eliminate international terrorism; and the rule of law at the national and international levels.

NAM's unprecedented degree of participation at the sessions of the Special Committee of the Charter of the United Nations and in connection with efforts to strengthen the Organization showed that the Work Group on Legal Matters has consolidated itself in its work and that the group can broaden its sphere of influence.

The Cuban delegation delivered several statements on behalf of NAM at the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly during its 62nd Session in 2007. For instance, on 10 and 15 October 2007, it spoke on the issues of "Measures to eliminate

international terrorism" and the "Legal responsibility of United Nations officials and experts in mission", respectively.

II.6. Working Group on Mandates Review

The Working Group on Mandates Review, coordinated by Egypt, met periodically to coordinate the positions of the Movement for the General Assembly consultations process on this subject. From its inception, this group has worked under the JCC format.

As part of this process, on 27 November 2007, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau Chair, met with his counterparts from New Zealand and Namibia, co-facilitators of Mandates Review process, who requested the meeting to tackle the issue. At the meeting, the Coordinating Bureau Chair outlined NAM's positions on the letter sent out by the UN General Assembly Chair on these issues. He stated that this letter is only a base upon which to continue with the process and insisted that the issue of Mandates Review is a politically sensible matter of top priority for the Movement. He added that, in contrast to other actors, NAM does not see the process as an exercise in downsizing and that a study should be undertaken to determine why certain mandates have not been implemented.

II.7. Working Group on Security Council Reform

The Working Group on Security Council Reform, coordinated by Egypt, has followed up on the consultation process on this subject convened by the President of the UNGA, promoting the positions of principle of the Non-Aligned Movement contained in the Final Document adopted in its 14th Summit.

II.8. Working Group on Information

The work of the Working Group on Information made an important contribution to the negotiations surrounding the draft documents presented to the NAM Ministers of Information during the Seventh Conference of Ministers of Information of the Non-Aligned Movement (COMINAC VII) held at Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, from 2 to 4 July 2008. The usefulness and relevance of the Working Group vis-à-vis the debates and coordination of positions of the Movement in the sphere of information and communications was confirmed. One of the challenges ahead of the Group is the practical application of the outcomes of COMINAC VII.

II.9. The Non-Aligned Movement Caucus in the Security Council

The members of the Non-Aligned Movement Caucus³ in the Security Council have rendered periodic reports in the monthly meetings of the Coordinating Bureau on the Security Council's work and program. In January 2007, the practice of appointing a Coordinator of the Caucus was resumed. As a step forward from January 2008 Coordinators of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council are rotated on an monthly basis.

The reactivation of the NAM Caucus in the UN Security Council continued successfully, as evidenced by the profundity and scope of the issues debated on at its meetings. Periodic meetings of Caucus members are held. The Coordinating Bureau Chair is an invitee at these meetings. Recent exchanges on different procedural questions and the evident interest of its members to arrive at common positions on substantial issues, as discussed in this body, point towards the Caucus' growing dynamism as a space where Non-Aligned countries within the Security Council can work together.

II.10. The Non-Aligned Movement Caucus in the Peacebuilding Commission

Jamaica, as the Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the PBC, has made several statements on behalf of the Movement both in the General Assembly and in the Security Council, where it has presented the positions of the Non-Aligned Countries on the issues under debate.

In response to invitations by the Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the PBC, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement has participated in several of its meetings. The fact that the NAM Caucus in the PBC can arrive at common positions and that its members agree on many issues is a positive sign and shows a clear and ever growing interest among its members at the PBC to work in closer coordination with one another and to strengthen the Movement's presence within this body.

II.11. The Non-Aligned Movement Troika

The Non-Aligned Movement Troika, at the ambassadorial level, has maintained its exchanges of views and dialogue on the issues of concern for the Movement and, when pertinent, has proposed concrete courses of action for the Coordinating Bureau's consideration.

On 25 September 2007, the NAM Troika met at the ministerial level during the High Level Segment of the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly. This meeting was an opportunity to discuss the different high-level NAM meetings that would be held as part

3 NAM Caucus in the Security Council: Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Libya, Panama, South Africa and Vietnam.

of the session of the General Assembly and to debate on the main issues of interest to the Movement within the UN General Assembly agenda.

In addition to its work at the UN venue in New York, the NAM Troika has continued to work at different multilateral fora. There have been meetings at the ambassadorial level, for instance, at the International Atomic Energy Agency and the International Labor Organization, on issues addressed within those bodies which are of interest to the Movement.

The NAM Troika mechanism has been yet another tool of the Movement's to channel its interests, on the basis of a methodology approved by the Movement's leaders at the 14th Summit.

III. DIALOGUE WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION

In fulfillment of the mandate of the 14th Summit, the Non-Aligned Movement Troika and the Troika of the European Union held a meeting at the ministerial level during the 61st and 62nd sessions of the United Nations General Assembly (2006 and 2007, respectively). During the period, both Troikas held a number of meetings at the ambassadorial level in various multilateral venues, where issues of special interest for both groupings were examined.

Experience has shown that dialogue with the European Union has been a useful tool for the exchange of opinions on important issues of international relevance that concern the members of the two bodies.

In September 2006 and 2007, the Ministerial Meetings of the NAM and European Union Troikas took place to tackle the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestine question; Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and International Security (including the question of Iran's nuclear program); the UN Reform process, including System-wide Coherence; the Human Rights Council; the Implementation of the UN Strategy to Combat Terrorism; the Alliance of Civilizations and the International Criminal Court.

On 14 February 2008, a working luncheon between the NAM and European Union Troikas was held in New York. The Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, in his capacity as Chair of the Group of 77 and China, was invited to attend. At the meeting, where a relaxed atmosphere prevailed, the following issues were addressed: the Middle East and Palestine, System-wide Coherence and the Reform of the Department of Political Affairs of the UN Secretariat.

IV. RELATIONS WITH OTHER REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

To achieve the goal of broadening and strengthening relations and exchanges with other regional and subregional organizations, and ensure that the views of the

Movement are heard and duly taken into account in decision-making fora and instances where issues of interest and priority for the Non-Aligned Countries are discussed, in 2007 high-level representatives of the NAM Chair participated and/or took the floor in the Ministerial Segment of the 19th Summit of the League of Arab States (Saudi Arabia), in the Ministerial Conference of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Pakistan) and in the Summit of the African Union (Ghana).

Similarly, the Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Cuba, H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, participated and delivered statements on behalf of NAM at the 20th Summit of the League of Arab States held on 29 March 2008, in Damascus, Arab Republic of Syria, and at the Ministerial Segment of the 11th Summit of the African Union, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, on 26 June 2008.

In addition to this and in fulfillment of the decision of the 14th Summit to convey the interests and concerns of the Movement to the Leaders of the Group of Eight during their yearly Summits, the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement sent a message to the 33rd and 34th Summits of the Group of Eight, held in Heiligendamm, Germany, from 6 to 8 June 2007, and in Hokkaido Toyako, Japan, from 7 to 9 July 2008, respectively.

V. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Movement was able to maintain an active role in the process of "institutional building" of the Human Rights Council. Through its actions, the Non-Aligned Movement contributed to the inclusion of particular importance for the developing countries in the agenda of the Council. These issues include the right to development, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance.

The Movement constitutes an important actor in the deliberations and negotiations of the Human Rights Council. It advances concrete initiatives and voices timely denunciations of the violations and injustices perpetrated against its members. Worthy of note, in this connection, is the denunciation of the human rights situation in Palestinian and other occupied Arab territories.

In addition to this, NAM, next to other South groups such as the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Africa Group, was one of the main promoters of the Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the issue of the world food crises, a meeting which was held on May 22, 2008.

VI. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO)

The Non-Aligned Countries represented in the International Labor Organization (ILO) continued to work in the coordination of actions of the Movement on issues of interest for the Non-Aligned Movement, such as the expansion of the membership of the

Committee on Freedom of Association and the reform process of the Committee on the Application of Standards.

The Meeting of Ministers of Labor of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries was held on 12 June 2007, in the context of the 96th International Conference of Labor. In this meeting two statements were adopted: "on the extension of membership of the Committee on Freedom of Association" and "on the Methods of Work of the Commission on the Application of Standards".

The meeting of Ministers of Labor of the Non-Aligned Movement was characterized by the wide-ranging presence of delegations of Non-Aligned Countries. The two statements, expressing the positions of the Movement regarding the changes required in the functioning and the structure of ILO, were adopted with the full support of the Non-Aligned Movement membership. In addition to this, it was agreed that the Minister of Labor and Social Security of Cuba, in his capacity as representative of the country chairing the Non-Aligned Movement, conveys both documents to the ILO Director General and to the Chairs of the Groups of Governments, Workers and Employers of the Organization.

A new Meeting of Ministers of Labor of the Non-Aligned Movement was held on 10 June 2008, in the context of the 97th International Labor Conference, which saw the broad and active participation of Non-Aligned countries. The meeting was held in a satisfactory manner and allowed participants to follow up on and evaluate the application of the decisions adopted at the Meeting of Ministers of Labor of the Non-Aligned Movement held in 2007. It was observed that the Movement is stronger and plays an increasingly central role in the ILO.

During the meeting, issues of special interest for the Movement were debated on. With respect to the working methods of the Commission for the Application of Standards, the Ministers recognized the modest progress in this area and that deeply-rooted problems that affect the work of this body are still to be addressed. With respect to the Committee on Freedom of Association, even though several actions have been undertaken, the Ministers concurred that work must be devoted to have this body modified in step with other Committees and bodies of the UN System, particularly as regards its non-equal membership.

VII. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (BWC)

The Non-Aligned Movement played an important role during the Sixth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), held in Geneva, in November-December 2006. The following working papers were presented on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement: 1) Resolution on the application of Article X of the Convention, related to the international cooperation in the field of the biotechnological activities for peaceful purposes; 2) Plan of Action on the implementation of Article X of the BWC; 3) Proposal of an intersessional ad hoc

mechanism to be established between the 6th and 7th Review Conferences of the BWC and 4) Preliminary Comments on Article I of the BWC, to be included in the Final Declaration of the Conference.

On 20 November 2006, within the framework of the general debate of the Review Conference, the Permanent Representative of Cuba in Geneva, delivered a statement on behalf of the countries members of the Non-Aligned Movement that are States Parties to the Convention.

The delegation of Cuba made a statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement during the general debate of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of the Biological Weapons Convention, held in Geneva, during August 2007.

On 14 November 2007, the Non-Aligned countries parties to the Convention on Biological Weapons held a meeting with Pakistani Ambassador Mr. Massod Khan, Chair of the 2007 Convention Meetings, with a view to providing information on the Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention, which was held days later, from 10 to 14 December 2007. The main issues tackled were listed under the two main discussion axes of the BWC for that year, namely:

- Means and ways of improving the application of the Convention at the national level, particularly from the point of view of national legislation, the strengthening of national institutions and coordination among national institutions responsible for enforcing these norms.
- Cooperation at the regional and sub-regional levels for the application of the Convention.

At the Annual Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention of 2007, the Non-Aligned countries and other States parties to the BWC, coordinated by Cuba, ratified itself as one of the main actors in the debates surrounding this international instrument and presented concrete proposals in this connection. The group once again presented a common position through a statement during the General Debate and a working document (BWC/MSP/2007/WP.9).

VIII. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN OTHER DISARMAMENT FORA

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

On 30 January 2007, the Permanent Representative of Cuba in the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva delivered a statement during the opening session of the 2007 Conference on Disarmament. It was requested that the chapter entitled "Disarmament and International Security" of the Final Document adopted by the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, be published as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

Cuba, as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, requested that the statement of the Coordinating Bureau on the comments by the Israeli Prime Minister regarding the possession of nuclear weapons by Israel, be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT)

On 17 and 18 September 2007, Malaysia delivered a statement on behalf of NAM during the general debate of the CTBT Entry into Force Conference. In addition to this, Non-Aligned countries that are States Parties to the Treaty actively participated in the Conference and had the Final Document, adopted by consensus, reflect the positions of principle of the Movement with respect to the issue of nuclear disarmament.

TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (NPT)

The Group of Non-Aligned Countries that are States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) had an active participation in the sessions of the First and Second Preparatory Committee of the 8th Review Conference of this Treaty held in Vienna, in May 2007 and Geneva, in May 2008, respectively.

On both occasions, the positions of the Group of Non-Aligned countries that are States Parties to the NPT were presented during the general debate of the PrepCom sessions and during the thematic debates. In addition to this, the group presented and asked that the working documents prepared by the Movement be circulated as official documents of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee. The working documents dealt with the issues of: working procedures, nuclear disarmament, verification, safeguards, regional questions, nuclear weapon free zones, security assurances for States that do not possess nuclear weapons, the peaceful use of nuclear energy. These working documents were also used as reference materials reflecting the positions of the group during the second PrepCom session in 2008.

CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CCW)

On 16 January 2008, as part of the Meeting of Government Experts of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, a meeting of Non-Aligned countries which are States Parties to the Convention was held to coordinate the Movement's positions with respect to questions of procedure and organization of the work, particularly some modifications proposed in connection with the meetings calendar of this group of experts for 2008. The Chair of the Group of Experts, was invited to participate and attended the meeting.

IX. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA)

The Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the IAEA maintained an active coordination of its positions in the meetings of the Board of Governors, the IAEA Committee on

Safeguards and Verification, and the Committee on Cooperation and Technical Assistance. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement's follow-up of the treatment of the Iranian's nuclear issue and the application of safeguards in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea must be highlighted.

The Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the IAEA actively participated and made concrete contributions to the First Preparatory Committee of the 8th Review Conference of the NPT (Vienna, 30 April to 11 May 2007). It also contributed to the preparation of the Non-Aligned countries Parties to the TNP for their participation in the second session of the Preparatory Committee held in Geneva, May 2008.

Similarly, the group actively participated in the discussion of the topics related to the Middle East during the sessions of the Board of Governors and the IAEA General Conference.

Among the main actions by the Movement in the context of the IAEA, the following can be underlined:

- The Permanent Representative of Cuba, made statements on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in a number of agenda items of the 50th General Conference of the IAEA, held in September 2006.
- The Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the IAEA has been very active during the sessions of the IAEA Board of Governors. The Permanent Representative of Cuba, delivered statements, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, on a number of agenda items in the sessions held during November 2006, and March, June and September 2007, as well as March and June 2008.
- The Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the IAEA actively participated in the meeting of the IAEA Committee on Safeguards and Verification, held on 13 and 14 February 2007.
- In the context of the follow-up of the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear issue, on 12 January 2007, the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, with the assistance of the Troika at the ambassadorial level in Vienna, met with the IAEA Director General, Dr Mohamed ElBaradei, in order to exchange views on the situation of the Iranian nuclear issue.
- In March 2007, the Ambassador of Cuba in Vienna in her capacity as Chair of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the IAEA was part of the delegation that traveled to Iran to visit a number of facilities and to meet with high Iranian authorities on the nuclear program of that country. The Ambassadors of Egypt and Malaysia were also members of this delegation (members of the Non-Aligned Movement Troika).

- From 17 to 21 September 2007, in the context of the 51st General Conference of the IAEA and the previous meeting of the Board of Governors, in connection with Iran's nuclear issue, NAM played an active role and again welcomed the Plan agreed to by Iran and the IAEA. In addition to this and in connection with the Middle East issue, NAM similarly played an active role.
- On 20 November 2007, a plenary meeting of Non-Aligned countries that are IAEA members was held. There, several Non-Aligned countries expressed concerns over the offensive declarations of the Israeli Vice Prime Minister in connection with the organization's Director General and proposed that the Movement express itself publicly and vigorously. As a result of the debate, they agreed to draft a letter on behalf of the Movement, expressing their repudiation of these declarations and asking for the support of the Secretariat and the Director General. The Ambassador of Sudan, in his capacity as G-77 Chair, proposed that the two groups draft a joint letter and that it be circulated as an official document of the Board of Governors.
- On 26 November 2007, in the context of the IAEA Board of Governors meeting, the Cuban Ambassador and Permanent Representative at the UN Office in Vienna delivered a speech on behalf of NAM during the debate of the issue "Report of the Director General on the application of safeguards in the People's Democratic Republic of Korea". During the meeting, NAM reiterated its support for the de-nuclearization of the Korean peninsula and its unwavering support of the Six-Party conversations, as a means of finding a long-term solution to Korea's nuclear issue through diplomacy and dialogue. Similarly, it expressed satisfaction over the monitoring and verification activities, conceived as "Initial Actions", which are being executed with the cooperation of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea and the active participation of the IAEA.
- In January 2008, the NAM Chair, Troika and group of countries that are members of the IAEA discussed the Iranian nuclear issue and held meetings with the Iranian Ambassador before the IAEA and the organization's Director General, who provided the Movement with information on the outcome of the visit of the latter to Iran in January 2008.
- On 19 February 2008, the NAM Chair in the Vienna chapter held a meeting with the IAEA Director General, Mohammed ElBaradei, where different issues of multilateral interests were addressed and a copy of the resolution on the "Effects of the use of armaments and munitions with depleted uranium", a NAM initiative adopted at the First Committee during the 62nd session of the UN General Assembly, was given the latter. The Director General was informed of the importance the Movement grants the IAEA's response on this matter, which will contribute to the elaboration of the report which the Secretary General must present, as the resolution requires.

- In March and June 2008, NAM played a highly active role in the debate surrounding Iran's nuclear issue during the respective sessions of the Board of Governors. On behalf of NAM, Cuba delivered statements on this topic, previously negotiated with NAM countries that are members of the IAEA.

X. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (OPCW)

The Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the OPCW is active and has presented and defended the positions of the developing countries in the sessions of the Executive Council, and in the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), particularly those related to international cooperation for the peaceful use of chemicals and technology. Gradually, the actions of the Movement in that field have had a greater impact in the debates and the decision-making process of the Organization.

The active participation of Non-Aligned countries in the context of the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Chemical Weapons allowed for the main positions assumed by the Movement to be reflected in the documents which resulted from that process. The presentation of three working documents by Non-Aligned countries Parties to the CWC during the Conference and their impact on the outcome of the negotiations were unprecedented for the Movement within this forum.

XI. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN UNESCO

The Movement was reactivated in that venue with an Official Ceremony that took place on 12 March 2007, which adopted the "Declaration on the Reactivation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries in UNESCO". That was a first step to seek a greater influence of the Movement on issues of critical importance for its membership, such as education, science, culture, cultural diversity and information.

In 2008, progress has been made in the reactivation and consolidation of NAM within UNESCO. Concrete results were obtained through the initiatives presented by Non-Aligned countries at the 179th Executive Council of that organization.

An important step forward was the decision to establish a NAM Caucus at the UNESCO Executive Council, to serve as a coordination mechanism among Non-Aligned countries that are members of this organization (27 of the 58 Executive Council members).

The adoption of two NAM declarations on sensitive issues of interest to the Movement (the situation in Palestine and the protection of autochthonous languages at the risk of extinction) were important results which brought issues prioritized by South countries to the foro during UNESCO debates.

The adoption, by consensus, by the Executive Council, following a complex negotiations process, of a decision on cultural diversity and human rights, at the request of NAM, allowed for the introduction of that issue into the UNESCO Plan of Action to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This NAM initiative was based on the Tehran Declaration on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity adopted in September 2007 at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on this issue.

XII. MINISTERIAL MEETING ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY, TEHRAN, 3-4 SEPTEMBER 2007

The 14th Summit of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries decided to hold a Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, in Tehran, Iran, on 3 and 4 September 2007. This Meeting was organized resulting from this mandate, and was attended by more than 100 members and observers of the Movement.

A Declaration and Program of Action on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity were adopted in this Ministerial Meeting. It also approved the establishment of a Non-Aligned Movement Center on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, headquartered in Tehran.

The Ministerial Meeting adopted two Special Declarations: one on Venezuela's support role for the achievement of the humanitarian agreement in Colombia, and the other on the candidacy of Father Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann of Nicaragua to the post of President of the 63rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

XIII. SECOND NAM BUSINESS FORUM

The Second NAM Business Forum was successfully held in Havana from 2 to 3 November 2007. It saw the participation of delegations from 42 countries, including 200 businesspeople, 16 personalities and 17 foreign invitees.

During the theoretical segment of the event, held on 2 November, there were broad debates on different issues of interest to our countries, such as South-South cooperation in the sphere of science, the energy sector, the pharmaceutical and medical industries, health and education, regional experiences in this area and the role of the business sector for future work in those fields. Similarly, there was discussion on formulas and possibilities for broadening exchanges among South countries.

On 3 November, a Business Round among participating companies was organized. The Round facilitated interactions among these companies and the identification of new concrete economic and trade possibilities between our countries. Participants also availed themselves of the presence of 24 Chambers of Commerce from Non-Aligned countries, chiefly represented by their Presidents, to hold a gathering that facilitated greater understanding and the creation of work links useful for future work.

XIV. MEETING OF NAM HEALTH MINISTERS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 61ST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

On 21 May 2008, the Meeting of NAM Ministers of Health was held in the context of the 61st World Health Assembly. At the meeting, steps were taken towards the establishment of the mechanism needed to impel Third World priorities within the international health agenda. Similarly, it set down the bases for the Movement's active participation in discussions of interest to its members within the WHO.

More than 80 delegations from NAM member countries and observers participated at the meeting. Of these, 46 were represented by their Ministers of Health and 4 by Vice-Ministers.

Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General for the World Health Organization, in her opening remarks, expressed concerns over the 10 million children who die each year as a result of preventable diseases. In this connection, she underscored the role of the Non-Aligned Movement within the ambit of international relations.

Two declarations related to "Migration and the Training of Qualified Sanitary Personnel" and "Diseases which disproportionately affect developing countries" were adopted by consensus. Both declarations reflect the positions of the Movement vis-à-vis the issues in question.

As part of the immediate follow-up of the conclusions arrived at during the Meeting of NAM Health Ministers, NAM members subsequently approved the declaration presented by Indonesia on bird flu, the spread of the virus and the benefits. The text adopted constitutes an important tool with respect to NAM's participation in the Working Group that discusses this issue in the WHO.

XV. SEVENTH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INFORMATION OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (COMINAC—VII)

The Seventh Conference of Ministers of Information of the Non-Aligned Movement (COMINAC VII) was held at Isla Margarita, Venezuela, from 2 to 4 July 2008. The first day was devoted to the Preparatory Meeting of High Officials, and 3 and 4 July was devoted to the Ministerial Segment. The Ministerial Conference was chaired by the Minister of Communications and Information of Venezuela, H.E. Mr. Andrés Izarra, in his capacity as current COMINAC Chair.

The gathering proved successful and was a useful space for the coordination of positions in the area of information and communications within the Movement. The timeliness of the struggle for a New World Order of Information and Communications was reaffirmed. Seventy delegations from NAM members and observers participated.

Of these, 26 countries were represented by their respective Ministers of Information or Foreign Ministers and 13 by Vice-Ministers.

Twenty-eight Heads of Delegations from NAM member and observer countries delivered statements at the COMINAC VII general debate. The statements delivered by President Hugo Chávez, who delivered the opening speech of the Ministerial Conference, were also heard. The Minister of Information of Malaysia, Mr. Ahmad Shabery Check, in his capacity as outgoing COMINAC Chair, the Minister of Foreign Relations of Cuba Felipe Pérez Roque (on behalf of the NAM Chair) and the Minister of Communications and Information of Venezuela, Mr. Andrés Izarra, who delivered the closing statements of the conference, were also heard.

Two highly positive documents were adopted: the Declaration and Plan of Action of Isla Margarita, on the issue of the promotion of an objective voice for the South, against current trends in the spheres of information and communications. The adoption of these texts was the culmination of a debate which reaffirmed the existence of common positions within the Movement in the questioning of the anti-democratic order in the sphere of information which prevails and in the opposition of the monopoly in the production and divulging of information. The Plan of Action agreed upon shall guide the work of Venezuela as COMINAC Chair in the coming three years.

XVI. 15TH NAM MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE (INTER-SUMMIT)

As the NAM Chair, Cuba began work on the preparation of the 15th NAM Ministerial Conference, jointly with the Conference host country, when the Islamic Republic of Iran was officially selected as the venue for the gathering.

This important meeting constitutes a space for the evaluation of the work of our Movement, for the revision and updating of the Plan of Action adopted at the 14th Summit and for the identification of the main actions we must undertake to fulfill this Plan in the time remaining until the holding of the 15th Summit in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, from 11 to 16 July 2009.

The Tehran Ministerial Conference is also an opportunity to evaluate what progress has been made and the application of other decisions adopted the Havana Summit, and to collectively discuss our main concerns and challenges. It is also a space for collective reflection, where the aims we must set down for ourselves to continue making progress towards the revitalization and strengthening of the Movement (as a forum for political coordination for South countries) can be debated.

The preparatory process for the 15th NAM Ministerial Conference has primarily taken place in the context of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, in New York, where the agenda was approved, the candidates for the Bureau of the Conference have been put forth and the resulting substantial documents have been negotiated. These documents will be submitted for further consideration at the Ministerial Conference. All of these documents

have been recommended by the Coordinating Bureau for the Teheran Conference, for review and definitive approval by the Ministers.

XVII. OTHER NOTES AND CALLS FOR PARTICIPATION BY AND FROM THE CHAIR OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

- On September 2006, the Chair of the Movement announced the Second Non-Aligned Movement Business Forum, to be held on 2 and 3 November 2007 at Havana's Conventions Center.
- On 1 September 2007, the NAM Chair sent out a message on the occasion of the 46th Anniversary of the Founding of the Non-Aligned Movement (1 September 1961).
- On 5 September 2007, the statement delivered by H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Relations of Cuba, on behalf of NAM, was circulated during the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity held in Teheran, Iran, from 3 to 4 September 2007.
- On 1 October 2007, Cuba, as Coordinating Bureau Chair, distributed the following documents among all NAM members and observers: Report of the Work of the NAM from September 2006 to September 2007; Chair Summary of the NAM Coordinating Bureau Ministerial Meeting of 28 September 2007 and the statement delivered by the Cuban Minister of Foreign Relations at the meeting.
- On 19 October 2007, at the request of the Myanmar delegation, the Coordinating Bureau Chair sent a letter to the UN Secretary General, denouncing the improper use of the venue of the Organization, to carry out hostile actions against NAM members. The letter reiterated the positions of principle of the Movement on this issue, as agreed on 16 February 2007. The letter was circulated among delegations on 19 October.
- On 27 May 2008, the Chair issued a declaration on the occasion of Africa Day. The text was sent all delegations and the Secretary General was asked to publish it as an official document.

ANNEX

CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS BY THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN MULTILATERAL VENUES

A. NEW YORK

1. *The Coordinating Bureau and other NAM structures in New York*

18/9/2006. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated the documents adopted by the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement to all the members of the Movement (Final Document, Declaration on the Purposes and principles and the role of the Non-Aligned Movement in the present international juncture, Document on Methodology, Declaration on Palestine, Statement on the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear issue).

19/9/2006. These documents were sent to the United Nations Secretary-General for their publication as official documents of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

21/9/2006. The Troika of the Non-Aligned Movement and Troika of the European Union met at the ministerial level within the framework of the 61st UNGA session.

23/9/2006. The Chair of the Movement issued a Press Communiqué on the illegal detention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, H.E. Mr. Nicolás Maduro, in John F. Kennedy Airport, New York.

28/9/2006. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau met with the Coordinators of the NAM Working Groups.

30/9/2006. The Chair circulated the reservations made by some countries to the documents of the 14th Summit (Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, Singapore and Thailand).

3/10/2006. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau met with the NAM Caucus in the Security Council.

5/10/2006. Meeting of the NAM Troika at the ambassadorial level.

10/2006. Meeting of the NAM Troika with the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations.

- 10/2006. Meeting of the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau with the Non-Aligned Countries members of the Peacebuilding Commission (Angola, Bangladesh, Burundi, Chile, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Tanzania). The Non-Aligned Movement Caucus in the PBC was formally established.
- 10/2006. Meeting of the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau with the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, then Chair of the G-77, to exchange views on the reactivation of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC).
- 3/10/2006. Letter to the President of the Security Council in response to this organ's decision to refuse the request by the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau to take part in a Security Council meeting on "The situation in Myanmar". This letter contained the position of principles of the Movement on this matter, as agreed at the 14th Summit.
- 10/10/2006. Monthly Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement.
- 11/10/2006. Letter to the President of the Security Council including the paragraphs on Myanmar contained in the Final Document of the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement.
- 13/10/2006. Adoption of a statement by the NAM Coordinating Bureau on the nuclear test made by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, conveyed to the Secretary-General of the UN, to the President of the General Assembly and to the President of the Security Council for its circulation as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council. Published as document A/61/522 and S/2006/825 on 18 October 2006.
- 19/10/2006. Statement by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau in the Security Council debate on the situation in the Middle East.
- 26/10/2006. Circulation to all the members and observers of the Non-Aligned Movement of fifteen draft resolutions regarding the question of Palestine to be considered during the 61st session of the General Assembly.
- 30/10/2006 and 1/11/2006. Circulation to all the members and observers of Non-Aligned Movement of the letters sent by Uzbekistan and Myanmar on the presentation of country-specific resolutions in the UNGA Third Committee.
- 8/11/2006. Letter to the President of the Security Council requesting the convening of an Emergency Session of this organ to consider the latest events occurred in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- 9/11/2006. Adoption of a Declaration of the NAM Coordinating Bureau on the deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East

Jerusalem. This statement was conveyed to the President of the General Assembly and to the President of the Security Council for its publication as an official document.

9/11/2006. Statement by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau during the Security Council debate on the situation in the Middle East, including the question of Palestine. This statement was made based on the statement adopted by the Bureau that same day.

9/11/2006. At the request of the delegation of the Dominican Republic, circulation to all the members and observers of the Non-Aligned Movement of the draft resolution "Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as a Special Zone in the Context of Sustainable Development".

9/11/2006. At the request of League of Arab States, circulation to all the members States and observers of draft resolution "Israeli Aggression in the Gaza Strip".

13/11/2006. Circulation of a Note Verbale of the Mission of Indonesia, in its capacity as Coordinator of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement, with respect to the necessity to identify candidates among NAM members to chair the open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-IV).

15/11/2006. The monthly Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.

15/11/2006. Letter to the President of the General Assembly, requesting the convening of the Tenth Special Emergency Session of the General Assembly, on the illegal actions of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

15/11/2006. Circulated the draft to be presented to the Tenth Special Emergency Session of the General Assembly, as well as the draft statement to be delivered by the Non-Aligned Movement during this meeting.

15/11/2006. A draft statement of the Non-Aligned Movement was circulated on the presentation of country-specific resolutions against members of the Movement in the Third Committee of the General Assembly. In fulfillment of the agreement reached by the Coordinating Bureau, the Declaration was read by the Chair every time these types of resolutions were presented to the Assembly.

16/11/2006. Circulation, at the request of the delegation of Uzbekistan, of a statement read by the Uzbek Permanent Representative to the UN, at the 15 November Coordinating Bureau meeting, on country-specific resolutions against Non-Aligned Countries.

28/11/2006. Working luncheon between the Troikas of the Non-Aligned Movement and the European Union.

28/11/2006. Letter by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and of the Cuban people, to the Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestine.

28/11/2006. Letter to the President of the General Assembly, requesting the resumption of the Tenth Special Emergency Session of the General Assembly to consider "the illegal actions of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem", to consider in particular the Secretary-General's report on the Registry of Damages Caused by the Wall being built by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

29/11/2006. Reading of the message from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the people of Cuba, on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestine.

29 and 30/11/2006. Statements were made by the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau on Item 13 "The situation in the Middle East" and 14 "The question of Palestine", of the agenda of the General Assembly.

1/12/2006. Participation of the Non-Aligned Movement Troika, as well as the current and incoming Chair of the Group of the 77, in a working breakfast with the Secretary-General elect of the UN, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon. Mr. Ki-moon heard the proposal of holding a broader NAM - G-77 meeting, which would be organized through the JCC.

7/12/2006. The monthly Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.

8/12/2006. A letter was sent to the President of the Security Council based on the position of principles of the Movement as reflected in the Final Document of the 14th Summit, with respect to the presentation of a draft resolution by a permanent member of the Council on the human rights situation in Myanmar.

8/12/2006. A letter was sent to Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, Mr. Chen Jian, informing to him on the regrettable situation confronted during the previous meeting of the Coordinating Bureau, when interpretation services were not provided in the official languages of the Movement. On 21 of December Mr. Jian responded to the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau that, in the future, "every effort will be made, whenever possible, to guarantee interpretation services for the monthly meetings of the Non-Aligned Movement".

8/12/2006. At the request of the delegation of Belarus, the statement read by the Belarus Deputy Permanent Representative with respect to the presentation of country-specific resolutions against certain members of the Non-Aligned

Movement in the Third Committee of the UNGA, was circulated to members of Non-Aligned Movement.

11/12/2006. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement in the UNGA joint debate on agenda Item 9 "Report of the Security Council" and 111 "The Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters".

12/12/2006. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, on behalf of the States members of the Non-Aligned Movement, co-sponsored the draft resolution entitled "Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory," introduced in the plenary of the General Assembly.

12/12/2006. A letter was conveyed to the President of the Security Council enclosing the statement that the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau was not allowed to make on behalf of the Movement during the ministerial meeting of the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East.

13/12/2006. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement during the General Assembly debate on agenda item 110 "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly".

13/12/2006. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau cosponsored, on behalf of the members of the Movement the draft resolution A/61/L.48 "Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations". Ultimately, co-sponsorship was not possible since the United Nations Secretariat communicated that, following the General Assembly practice, only the Chairs of the five regional groups may cosponsor these drafts. The Chair informed NAM members of this issue in due time.

15/12/2006. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement during the resumed session of the Tenth Special Emergency Session of the General Assembly to consider the "Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory."

15/12/2006. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement during the swearing-in ceremony of the incoming Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon.

20/12/2006. A letter of the Chair of the Association of Caribbean States, expressing its gratitude for the support offered by NAM members to draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.67 entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for the present and future generations", adopted by consensus in the General Assembly.

- 21/12/2006. A letter was sent to the President of the Security Council, annexing the Declaration on the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear issue, adopted by the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement. The aforementioned letter and its annex were circulated as an official document of the Security Council (S/2006/1018).
- 21/12/2006. A Note Verbale of the Mission of Sierra Leone was circulated to all NAM members and observers, expressing its gratitude for the Movement's support to draft resolution "Fourth Disarmament Decade", adopted by the General Assembly.
- 21/12/2006. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau met with the Troika of the European Union. At the meeting, the maintenance of habitual contacts was agreed.
- 22/12/2006. Working luncheon organized by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, members of the NAM Troika, as well as the former and current Chairs of Group of 77 and China. The participants exchanged views on issues of interest within the United Nations agenda.
- 3/1/2007. The Secretary-General of the United Nations held consultations with the Non-Aligned Movement Troika on his future plans for the organization.
- 5/1/2007. A statement of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was adopted expressing the Movement's support for the appointment of Dr. Asha-Rose Mtengeti-Migiro as Deputy Secretary-General of United Nations.
- 7/1/2007. The Chairmen of the NAM Coordinating Bureau and the Group of 77 and China, sent a letter to the President of the General Assembly, expressing the guidelines under which the Joint Coordination Committee agreed to continue the process on mandate review.
- 10/1/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement in the official hand-over ceremony of the Chair of the Group of 77 and China, from South Africa to Pakistan.
- 11/1/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau held informal consultations with the former and current Chairs of the Group of the 77 and China, former Chairs of the Movement and Chairs of regional groups to exchange views regarding the information transmitted by the Secretary-General on issues of interest for members of the Movement and the United Nations.
- 11/1/2007. The Non-Aligned Movement Troika participated in a working luncheon offered by the United Nations Secretary-General to follow-up on the consultation process with the Movement on issues of interest for its members.

- 16/1/2007. The monthly Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.
- 18/1/2007. Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet of the United Nations Secretary-General, briefed the Coordinating Bureau on the proposals presented by the Secretary-General to restructure the DDA and DPKO.
- 19/1/2007. A letter was sent to the President of the Security Council, containing the Movement's principled position on the continued encroachment by the Council on the issues under the purview of the General Assembly.
- 22/1/2007. A statement of the Coordinating Bureau was adopted reiterating the support of the Movement to the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian State, based on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital. On 23 January, the Chair requested the Secretary-General to circulate this statement as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.
- 22/1/2007. A letter was sent to the President of the General Assembly requesting the convening of a plenary session to discuss the work of the Peacebuilding Commission.
- 25/1/2007. A working luncheon between the troika of the Non-Aligned Movement and the troika of the European Union took place. The parties exchanged views on relevant issues of the international agenda. They decided to continue these meetings periodically. The Chair informed NAM delegations on this meeting, through Note Verbale NAM/19/2007, dated 25 January.
- 25/1/2007. A letter was sent to the President of the Security Council, enclosing the statement that the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau was not allowed to deliver, on behalf of the Movement, in the Security Council briefing that same day.
- 29/1/2007. An informal meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held to discuss unofficial documents prepared by the Secretariat, entitled "Strengthening of UN Peacekeeping Operations: a case for restructuring" and "Advancing the Disarmament Agenda: A New Approach".
- 29/1/2007. A statement of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was adopted on the case of the Libyan children affected by HIV virus.
- 31/1/2007. The Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, as Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the Peacebuilding Commission, made a statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in the Security Council open debate on the activities of the PBC.
- 5/2/2007. A statement of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was adopted on the recent statement by the Israeli Prime Minister regarding the possession of nuclear

weapons by his country. This statement was sent to the United Nations Secretary-General for its circulation as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

5/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement during the informal session of the General Assembly in which the Secretary-General offered information on his proposals to restructure the Departments on Disarmament Affairs and Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

6/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau attended an informal meeting convened by the Secretary-General with the participation of several delegations of the Non-Aligned Movement and other United Nations members to exchange views on his proposals to realign the DDA and the DPKO.

7/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau delivered a statement in the Special Committee of the Charter of United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

9/2/2007. In the framework of the Joint Coordination Committee, the Chair of the Group of the 77 and China and the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated a letter addressed to the Secretary-General. The letter outlines the views and concerns of both groupings on the Report of the High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence.

9/2/2007. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau participated in a meeting of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council. In this meeting views were exchanged on how to improve the coordination among the Chair and the Caucus.

12/2/2007. A statement of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was adopted, on the Israeli illegal actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

12/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated documents resulting from the debate of the Working Groups on Disarmament and Peacekeeping Operations, regarding the Secretary-General's proposals to restructure both Departments.

13/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement in the Security Council open debate on the Situation in the Middle East, including the question of Palestine.

13/2/2007. As agreed at the meeting of the Working Group on Legal Matters held on 1 February, the proposals presented by Colombia, Cuba and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on the definition of the crime of aggression and on the exercise of the jurisdiction of the Court, with respect to this crime, were circulated among NAM members and observers by the Coordinating Bureau Chair.

- 13/2/2007. The monthly Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.
- 14/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was invited to a meeting with the United Nations Secretary-General, and other delegations. The parties exchanged views on the Secretary-General's proposals to restructure DDA and DPKO. The outcome of the meeting was informed to all NAM members that same day through a Note Verbale.
- 15/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was invited to a meeting with the Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN, regarding elements to be considered for inclusion in a draft resolution for the restructuring of DDA. In this meeting a representative of Indonesia participated, in his capacity as coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament. The issues discussed in this meeting were informed to all NAM delegations that same day through a Note Verbale, to which a copy of the document in question was attached.
- 16/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a statement during the General Assembly informal meeting, in which the Secretary-General presented a new report on his proposals to restructure the DDA and DPKO.
- 20/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made an statement during the Security Council public meeting on agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security: role of the Security Council in supporting the security sector reform".
- 21/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau participated in a meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly to announce her decision to carry out a process of consultations on the proposals to restructure DDA and DPKO presented by the Secretary General. The issues discussed were informed to all NAM members that same day by means of a Note Verbale.
- 23/2/2007. A meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee took place, at the ambassadorial level, to exchange views on issues related with the United Nations reform, such as the Secretary-General's proposals to restructure DDA and DPKO; and the report of the High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence.
- 26/2/2007. The representative of Morocco, in her capacity as Coordinator of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, made a statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement during the sessions of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34).
- 26/2/2007. At the request of the delegations of Myanmar and Sudan, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the Secretary-General conveying the position of the Movement on actions carried out by a UN Member State and the UN Secretariat against Myanmar and Sudan. To date, the Chair has not received any written response from the Secretariat.

- 26/2/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was invited to a meeting by the Permanent Representatives of the GUAM (Georgia, the Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova), in which he was provided with information on agenda item 27 "Protracted conflicts in the area GUAM and their implications for international peace, security and development".
- 28/2/2007. The Coordinating Bureau Chair circulated to all NAM member and observer countries, through a Note Verbale, the Report of the members of the NAM Troika of the Vienna Chapter on the visit made to the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with its nuclear program, carried out on 3 and 4 February 2007.
- 5/03/2007. The representative of Morocco, as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on PKO, made a statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in the informal consultations of the General Assembly on the Secretary-General's proposal to restructure DPKO.
- 6/03/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was invited to a meeting by a delegation of the Parliament of Belgium, in which he offered information on the structure and operation of the NAM and its Coordinating Bureau.
- 8/03/2007. The monthly meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.
- 9/03/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated, for information of all NAM members, the statements of Cuba, in its capacity as Chair of the Vienna Chapter of the Non-Aligned Movement, during the meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors.
- 9/03/2007. A letter was sent to the H.E. Mr. Yuyika Amano, Chair designate of the first session of the Preparatory Committee of the 2010 Review Conference the NPT, inviting him, on behalf of Non-Aligned countries Parties to the NPT, to share opinions on that period of sessions of the Preparatory Committee. Responding to the aforementioned request, Mr. Amano met with the NAM Working Group on Disarmament on 26 March 2007.
- 12/03/2007. The Representative of Morocco, as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on PKO, made a statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on the Secretary-General's proposal to restructure DPKO.
- 12/03/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated Note Verbale NAM/80/2007 informing that on 10 March 2007 a meeting was held among the NAM Caucus in the Security Council and the Secretary-General of the POLISARIO Front, responding to a request of the latter.

- 13/03/2007. A letter was sent to the President of the Security Council requesting a field mission of members of the Council to the Occupied Palestinian Territory. As requested by the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau this letter was published as an official document of the Security Council as S/2007/146.
- 13/03/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated the statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba in the official ceremony for the revitalization of the Non-Aligned Movement in UNESCO, as well as the Declaration on the revitalization of NAM in UNESCO adopted by the NAM Chapter in UNESCO. The Official Ceremony took place on 12 March.
- 14/03/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau attended a meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly with several delegations, in which she announced her intention to convene the General Assembly the following day to consider the adoption of two resolutions on the Secretary-General's proposals to restructure DDA and DPKO. That same day, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated Note Verbale NAM/63/2007 informing about this meeting.
- 15/03/2007. The Coordinating Bureau held a special meeting in which the NAM members decided to vote in favor of the adoption of the two General Assembly framework resolutions on the Secretary-General's proposals to restructure DDA and DPKO. The Coordinating Bureau mandated the Chair to deliver a statement during the General Assembly debate on the subject. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau made two statements in explanation of vote in the 88th Plenary Session of the UNGA for the consideration of the draft resolutions entitled "Strengthening the capacity of the organization in peacekeeping operations" and "Strengthening the capacity of the organization to carry out the disarmament agenda forward."
- 15/03/2007. A letter was sent to the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom, in his capacity as one of the Depository Governments of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), emphasizing the importance that the Notification of the Depositories on the Procedures for the NPT Review Conference reflects the mandates given by the States to the Preparatory Committee.
- 15/03/2007. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated, for information, positions papers of the Movement's Geneva Chapter on several aspects of the work of the Human Rights Council.
- 16/03/2007. As requested by the delegation of Iraq, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the UN, asking for the Movement's support in the struggle against the illegal trade and the trafficking in antiques and in Iraq's efforts to reactivate its economic institutions and infrastructure.

- 19/03/2007. The Co-Chairs of the Joint Coordination Committee sent a letter to the Secretary-General in relation with the High Level Panel's Report on System-wide Coherence.
- 20/03/2007. The Coordinating Bureau adopted a statement on the Palestinian National Unity Government. At the request of the Chair, the text was circulated as an official document of the Assembly and the Security Council as A/61/818 and S/2007/161, respectively.
- 20/03/2007. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau met with Mr. Bernhard Schlagheck, Security Sector Adviser to Mr. Albert Rohan, Deputy Special Envoy to the Secretary-General for Kosovo. In this meeting, requested by the DPKO, this official enquired about the possibility of Mr. Maarti Ahtisaari, Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the future status process for Kosovo, coming to the NAM Coordinating Bureau to report on his proposals on the status of Kosovo. The Chair responded that such request must be formalizing in writing through an official letter for the further consideration of and approval by the Coordinating Bureau. This letter has not been received.
- 21/03/2007. The Chair met with a Serbian delegation comprised by the Special Advisor to the President and the Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Serbia for the negotiation process of the future status of Kosovo and Metohija, at their request, to hear their views on the issue. In this context, the Serbian delegation requested a meeting with the NAM Coordinating Bureau to brief it on the current situation in this process. The Coordinating Bureau Chair replied that the petition had to be formally submitted through a letter for approval by the Coordinating Bureau. This letter has not yet been received.
- 26/03/2007. The Chair circulated Note NAM/97/2007, for NAM members' information, which included a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva, informing about the meeting of NAM Labour Ministers on 12 June 2007, within the framework of the 96th International Labour Conference in Geneva.
- 28/03/2007. The Chair circulated, for NAM members' information, the statement by the First Deputy Foreign Minister of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, at the Ministerial segment of the 19th Arab League Summit.
- 28/03/2007. The Chair informed through Note Verbale NAM/102/2007 that Cuba, in its capacity as organizer and host country of the Second Business Forum of the Non-Aligned Movement, decided to postpone it for 2 and 3 November 2007, within the context of the 25th Havana International Fair.
- 29/03/2007. As requested by the Permanent Mission of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Troika held a meeting with Mr. Srgjan Kerim, candidate for

President of the 62nd Session of the UNGA. The Chair informed of this meeting through Note Verbale NAM/110/2007, dated 5 April 2007.

2/04/2007. NAM Working Group on Security Council Reform held a meeting with the five Facilitators (Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Tunisia and the Netherlands) appointed by the GA President for the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of the Reform Process of the Security Council. As a result of this meeting, on 3 April the Chair sent a letter to the Facilitators enclosing the relevant paragraphs related to the reform of the Security Council contained in the Final Document of the NAM Summit in Havana.

4/04/2007. The NAM Troika and the President of the Group of 77 and China held a meeting with the Secretary-General – at his request – to exchange views on System-wide Coherence. In this context, the NAM Troika and Chair of the Group of 77 expressed the preliminary views on the Report issued by the SG's High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence, as contained in the letter sent by the Co-Chairs of the JCC to the SG on 19 March 2007.

9/04/2007. The Coordinating Bureau Chair delivered a statement during the session of the Ad Hoc Committee on criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission.

9/04/2007. The NAM Troika met with the new Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs. In this context, the parties exchanged views on general issues of interest for the Movement.

9/04/2007. The Coordinating Bureau held its regular meeting.

10/04/2007. A letter was sent to H.E. Mr. Yuyika Amano, President-designate of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT; enclosing a copy of the letter sent by the Chair on 15 March 2007 on behalf of the NAM States Parties to the NPT to the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom, in his capacity as representative of one of the NPT Depositary governments.

11/04/2007. The electronic versions of the documents regarding the recently established NAM Institute for the Empowerment of Women were circulated. H.E. Ms. Faizah Mohd Tahir, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia, briefed the Coordinating Bureau on this significant event.

12/04/2007. The Chair circulated a Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia, in its capacity as coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament, appending the Working Paper by the Non-Aligned Movement for Working Group I of the 2007 substantive session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission

(UNDC). This Working Paper was submitted to the Secretariat of the UNDC for its circulation as an official document.

12/4/2007. The Presidency of the NAM Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the President of the Security Council regarding the decision of this organ to hold an open debate on climate change. On 17 April, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau delivered a statement at the Security Council, based on the letter sent to the President of this organ on 12 April.

15/04/2007. The Chair of G-77 and China, in his capacity as Co-Chair of the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC), delivered statements during the informal consultations of the UN General Assembly convened to address the Secretary-General's Report on the High-Level Panel Report on UN System-wide Coherence.

17/04/2007. The Coordinating Bureau Chair circulated a Note Verbale officially announcing the establishment and mandates of the NAM Working Group on Information. The proposed mandates were circulated for NAM delegation's consideration on 13 April.

20/4/2007. The Coordinating Bureau adopted the Statement on the release of international terrorist Luis Posada Carriles. This statement was published as official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council under symbol A/61/876 and S/2007/221, respectively.

25/4/2007: A letter was sent to the President of the Security Council, containing the statement that the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau was not allowed to deliver at the Security Council debate on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question. After a request of the Presidency of the Coordinating Bureau, this letter was circulated by the Security Council as official document S/2007/2030.

26/04/2007. As agreed by the NAM Working Group on Legal Matters, a letter was sent to the President of the General Assembly on the issue of rule of law.

27/4/2007. The Coordinating Bureau Chair circulated – for NAM members' information – eight Working Documents, agreed by the Group of NAM States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). These documents were formally presented on behalf of the Movement to the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT. A ninth document on peaceful uses of nuclear energy was also agreed, as a result of consultations conducted in New York and Vienna, which was informed to all NAM delegations in Note Verbale NAM/140/2007, dated 1 May 2007.

27/04/2007. The Chair circulated for NAM members' information the statement to be read by Cuba, on behalf of the NAM States Parties to the NPT, at the General

Debate of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT, held in Vienna from 30 April to 11 May 2007.

30/04/2007. Upon her request, the Chair met with the President of the General Assembly. In this context, the President of the General Assembly informed the Chair that she would convene an informal meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council on 3 May 2007. The Chair reported to NAM delegations the outcome of this meeting through Note Verbale NAM/138/2007 dated 30 April, and proposed a course of action for the consideration of NAM delegations. On 3 May, the Chair delivered a statement during the informal meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council. This statement was based on the elements proposed by the Chair in Note Verbale NAM/138/2007 of 30 April.

2/05/2007. The Chair circulated a Note Verbale enclosing a letter by the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, requesting NAM members in the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) to support the proposal by the African Group to elect Zimbabwe as Chair of the 16th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

4/05/2007. The Joint Coordinating Committee met at the ambassadorial level to exchange views on the Secretary-General's Report on the Report of the High-level Panel on System-Wide Coherence. In this meeting there was broad agreement on defending an integrated approach and, on this basis; the G-77 and NAM defined several core position elements for this process.

4/05/2007. The NAM Troika sent a Note Verbale to all NAM members urging them to support the candidatures of NAM countries to the Human Rights Council and to actively participate in the elections to be held next 17 May.

7/05/2007. As proposed by the NAM Troika, the Coordinating Bureau adopted the statement on the implementation of the General Assembly Resolutions A/Res/61/256 and A/Res/61/257, which states that the new posts of Under Secretary-General for the Department of Field Support and Under Secretary-General for the Office for Disarmament Affairs should be entrusted to individuals from developing countries. This statement was sent to the Secretary-General for its circulation as an official document of the General Assembly.

8/05/2007. The monthly meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.

10/05/2007. The Coordinating Bureau Chair sent a letter to H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali, Permanent Representative of Nigeria, in his capacity as Chair of the Special

Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34), requesting the convening of a C-34's session at the ambassadorial level to adopt a decision regarding its Report.

10/05/2007. Following a mandate of the JCC, its Co-Chairs met with the President of the General Assembly. In this dialogue, as agreed by the JCC in its meeting held on 4 May at the ambassadorial level, the Co-Chairs conveyed the common positions of the G-77 and China and the Non-Aligned Movement. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau reported the outcome of this meeting through Note Verbale NAM/164/2007, dated 22 May 2007.

11/05/2007. The Coordinating Bureau Chair circulated a document produced by the NAM Working Group on GA Revitalization on the various items proposed by the Co-Facilitators to be discussed during a series of six interactive debates.

14/05/2007. As requested by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Chair circulated a Note Verbale of the aforesaid Permanent Mission regarding the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity to be held in Tehran, 3-4 September 2007.

16/05/2007. The Co-Chairs of the JCC held an informal meeting with the European Union Troika, at the latter's request, to exchange views on the process of discussing the Secretary-General's Report on the recommendations of the High-Level Panel on System-wide Coherence. At this informal meeting, both Co-Chairs reiterated the JCC position as agreed at the Joint Coordinating Committee meeting at the ambassadorial level on 4 May. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau reported on the outcome of this meeting through Note Verbale NAM/164/2007.

17/5/2007. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau informed NAM delegations, through Note Verbale NAM/157/2007, about a formal request by the Russian Federation to establish a consultation mechanism with the NAM Troika.

17/5/2007. As requested by the delegation of Uzbekistan, the Chair circulated the Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regarding the adoption of a European Union Council's conclusion on this NAM Member State.

22/5/2007. The Chair distributed the letters of invitation sent by H.E. Mr. Alfredo Morales Cartaya, Minister of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Cuba to his NAM counterparts, requesting their attendance to the NAM Ministerial Meeting of Labour on 12 June in Geneva, in the framework of the 96th Labor International Conference.

23/5/2007. The Chair delivered a statement in the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34), during the adoption of the Final Report of the Special

Committee in its session of 2007. This statement was circulated to all NAM members through Note Verbale NAM/169/2007 dated 25 May 2007.

23/5/2007. The Co-Chairs of the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) met with the President of the General Assembly, at the latter's request, to discuss the issue of System-wide Coherence. In this discussion, the Co-Chairs reiterated the JCC positions as agreed at the Joint Coordinating Committee meeting held on 4 May at the ambassadorial level.

23/5/2007. The Chair circulated for NAM delegation's information, the draft documents to be adopted during the meeting of NAM Labour Ministers, held in Geneva on 12 June. These documents were circulated and negotiated in Geneva at the experts' level.

24/5/2007. The Coordinating Bureau adopted the Statement on the Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The Statement was also circulated as official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council under the symbols A/61/925 and S/2007/310, respectively.

25/5/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau met, at the request of the Palestinian delegation, with the President of the Security Council. In this meeting, also attended by representatives of the OIC and the Arab League, the Chair hand-delivered to the President of the Security Council the Statement adopted on 24 May by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the situation in the occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Subsequently, the Security Council issued a Press Statement on this issue.

1/6/2007. The Chair met with the Co-Facilitators of GA Revitalization, at their request. In this meeting, the Co-Facilitators expressed their intention to circulate the draft resolution on 6 June and convene open consultations on 12 June. The Chair informed them that the text, when circulated, would be discussed in the NAM Working Group on United Nations General Assembly Revitalization.

6/6/2007. The Coordinating Bureau adopted the Statement on the Imposition of Unilateral Sanctions against the Republic of Sudan. The Chair requested the SG to circulate this Statement as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

6/6/2007. Following a decision adopted at the 14th NAM Summit in Havana, a letter from H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, to H.E. Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal Minister for External Affairs of Germany, on the occasion of the 33rd Summit of the Group of Eight Industrialized Countries, was delivered by the Chair to the Permanent Representative of Germany, in his capacity as President of the Group of Eight. This letter, whose text is based on NAM language agreed at the Havana Summit, was circulated to NAM members through Note Verbal NAM/184/2007. Also, the Chair requested the Secretary

General to circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

6/6/2007. The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau delivered a statement on behalf of the Joint Coordinating Committee during the informal meeting of the GA for the consideration of the Report of the High-Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence and the Report of the Secretary General on its recommendations.

7/6/2007. A message sent by the H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, was read by the Chair at the Special meeting to mark 40 years of occupation by Israel of the Palestinian Territory. Additionally, the Chair requested the SG to circulate this message as an official document of the GA and the Security Council. Previously, on 25 May the Chair circulated a Note Verbal sent by the UN Secretariat, addressed to the Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs, inviting all NAM members to attend the Special meeting to mark 40 years of occupation by Israel of the Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

7/6/2007. A Note Verbale informing about the date and venue of the Coordinating Bureau Ministerial Meeting for the High Level Segment of the 62nd Period of Sessions of the UN General Assembly was circulated to NAM delegations.

8/6/2007. The Chair presided over a meeting of the NAM Working Group on Security Council Reform with the Facilitators of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation and on the Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council, to discuss how to move the Reform Process forward.

8/6/2007. The Coordinating Bureau agreed on a statement on the question of Puerto Rico, to be read by Saint Lucia on behalf of the Movement at the UN Special Committee on Decolonization.

8/6/2007. The Chair met with the Co-Facilitators of the discussion of System-wide Coherence, at their request. In this context, the Chair reiterated the JCC positions on this issue and decided to consider the information given by the Co-Facilitators during the meeting of the JCC Working Group at the experts' level on 11 June, 2007.

11/6/2007. The Coordinating Bureau agreed on a statement on General Assembly Revitalization to be delivered by Algeria, in its capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on this matter, at the Informal Consultations held on 12 June, 2007.

12/6/2007. The monthly meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.

- 15/6/2007: The Chairman of the NAM's Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, with copy to the Host Country, on the travel restrictions imposed against certain Permanent Missions.
- 18/6/2007: As requested by the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Chair of NAM's Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale by said Permanent Mission, asking NAM members to use the term "Occupied Syrian Golan" instead of "Golan Heights", in all their statements.
- 20/6/2007: The Chair of NAM's Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the UN Secretary General on the possible creation of a new senior post in the Secretariat to deal with the responsibility to protect.
- 20/6/2007: The Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, as Co-Chair of the Joint Coordinating Committee, delivered a statement on the humanitarian issues and recovery, during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on the System Wide Coherence.
- 21/6/2007: At the request of the Palestinian delegation, an informal meeting of NAM's Coordinating Bureau was held to hear a briefing by Mr. David Shearer, Head of the United Nations Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), on the current situation of the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem.
- 22/6/2007: The Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, as Co-Chair of the Joint Coordinating Committee, delivered a statement on the government and institutional reforms issues during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on the System Wide Coherence.
- 22/6/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau distributed the statement to be delivered by Indonesia as Coordinator of the Working Group on Disarmament of NAM in the general debate of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparation of the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-IV). That same day the working documents prepared by NAM for the SSOD-IV were also circulated.
- 26/6/2007: The Chair of NAM's Coordinating Bureau handed out a draft letter to the Joint Coordinating Committee, containing the positions of NAM and the G-77 and China on the issue of gender, within the framework of the discussions of the UNGA on System-Wide Coherence.
- 28/6/2007: The Chairman of NAM's Coordinating Bureau, as Co-Chair of the Joint Coordinating Committee, delivered a statement on the issue of United Nations' institutional practices, during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on the System-Wide Coherence.

- 2/7/2007: At the request of Mr. Lynn Pascoe, UN Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs, an informal meeting of NAM's Coordinating Bureau was held, in order to provide information on the work of that UN Department.
- 3/7/2007: The Chair of NAM's Coordinating Bureau circulated among all the members of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) the statement given on behalf of NAM by the Permanent Representative of Jamaica, as Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the PBC, during the adoption of that body's first Annual Report.
- 6/7/2007: At the request of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau distributed among all NAM delegations a Note Verbale by that Mission on the treatment given to the family of the Syrian Permanent Representative at the JFK International Airport in New York.
- 9/7/2007: The monthly meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.
- 12/7/2007: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale by the Permanent Mission of Belarus, upon their request, offering grants for foreign citizens interested in studying in their country.
- 14/7/2007: The NAM Coordinating Bureau approved a Declaration on the situation of the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem. On July 16, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the UN Secretary General requesting the Declaration to be published as an official document of the UNGA and the Security Council.
- 23/7/2007: The acting Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, as Co-Chair of the Joint Coordinating Committee delivered a speech on the human rights issue during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on the United Nations System-Wide Coherence.
- 2/8/2007: The Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan, as Co-Chair of the Joint Coordinating Committee made a statement on the issue of the "UN Delivering as One" at country level during the informal consultations of the General Assembly on the System-Wide Coherence.
- 15/8/2007: As requested by the Permanent Mission of Angola, a Note Verbale of the latter was circulated asking NAM members to support the draft resolution entitled: "Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic".
- 20/8/2007: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau participated in an informal working luncheon hosted by the Secretary-General, where the parties exchanged views on issues as climate change and gender in the framework of consultations on the UN System-Wide Coherence.

22/8/2007: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated among NAM delegations a copy of the statement read by Cuba, on behalf of the NAM members which are State Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention, during the Meeting of Governmental Experts of the BWC held in Geneva on 20 August, for their information.

23/8/2007: The monthly meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.

29/8/2007: The acting Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the NAM, made a statement during the Security Council open debate on the situation in the Middle East, including the issue of Palestine.

31/8/2007: The delegation of Indonesia, as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament, made a presentation during the session of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparation of the Fourth Special Session of the UNGA devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-IV).

1/9/2007: The Movement's Chair delivered a message on occasion of the 46th anniversary of the foundation of the Non-Aligned Movement on September 1, 1961.

6/9/2007: As agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, a new letter was sent to the Secretary General concerning his intention of creating a new post of Special Advisor on the Responsibility to Protect in the United Nations Secretariat with level of Under Secretary General. The letter requested the positions of the Movement to be considered when taking action on such sensitive issue. The previous letter on the subject dated June 20, 2007 was annexed thereto.

6/9/2007: A letter was sent to the Permanent Representative of Ghana, as Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council, as well as to the other Caucus members, recalling the Coordinating Bureau's position on the creation of a new post of Special Advisor in the UN Secretariat on the Responsibility to Protect.

7/9/2007: It was circulated a letter by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, addressed to H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, notifying that the 15th NAM Summit will be held in Sharm El-Sheikh from September 13 to 18, 2009.

7-13/9/2007: The BoC member delegations were informed, via Note Verbale NAM/249/2007, of a meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly, to which the Co-Chairs of the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) were invited. In said meeting, the President of the UNGA presented two draft resolutions on System Coherence and gender equality and the women's empowerment. The President expressed her intention to take action on both proposals before the 61st session of the UNGA concluded. The Co-Chairs of the JCC stated that they were going to submit both proposals to the consideration of the Group. Both draft resolutions were circulated among JCC delegations and a

deadline was set to forward comments thereon. After several consultations at the level of experts, on September 13, the JCC agreed upon a draft resolution on System Coherence to be presented to the President of the UNGA.

12/9/2007: The delegation of Morocco, as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, made a statement in the Open-Ended Working Group on assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.

13/9/2007: The Co-Chairs of the JCC presented a statement containing the positions of the group on the issue of the Environment during the informal consultations in the plenary of the UNGA on System Coherence. The draft statement was previously circulated among all Coordinating Bureau member delegations on September 12.

21/9/2007: The Coordinating Bureau adopted a Declaration on the situation of the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem. The draft declaration was circulated on September 20. As requested by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau said Declaration was published as an official document of the UNGA and the Security Council under reference A/62/367-S/2007/571.

29/9/2007: The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Felipe Pérez Roque, on behalf of NAM, sent a message of congratulations to H.E. Mr. Paul Badji, Chairman of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, which was delivered by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau.

5/10/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN, as Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, met with Mr. Lynn Pascoe, Under Secretary General for Political Affairs of the UN, who expressed his interest to meet with the Coordinating Bureau in order to brief them on the proposals for the reform of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat.

8/10/2007: As requested by the delegations of Nicaragua and Venezuela, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among NAM member and observer countries the Special Declaration of the Republic of Nicaragua on the candidacy of Father Miguel D'Escoto Brockman to the Presidency of the 63rd session of the UNGA and the Special Declaration of support to the role of Venezuela in the achievement of a humanitarian agreement in Colombia. Both documents were adopted in the NAM Ministerial on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity held in Tehran, Iran, September 3-4, 2007.

8/10/2007: The Permanent Representative of Indonesia, as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament, made a statement during the General Debate of the First Committee in the framework of the 62nd session of the UNGA.

8/10/2007: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament where some of the draft resolutions, traditionally presented in the UN First Committee on behalf of

the Movement, were put forth for the Group's consideration, namely: 1) Observance of the environmental norms when drafting and implementing arms control and disarmament agreements and 2) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non proliferation. A new draft resolution on the "Effects of the use of arms and ammunition with depleted uranium" was also set forth for consideration.

10/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau spoke on behalf of the Movement in the Sixth Committee of the UNGA during the discussions on the "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism". The draft statement was circulated among Coordinating Bureau members on October 2.

10/10/2007: The Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the UN, as Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the Peacebuilding Commission, spoke on behalf of the Movement during the deliberations on the Report of said Commission in the UNGA Plenary.

11/10/2007: As requested by H.E. Mr. Lynn Pascoe, UN Under Secretary General for Political Affairs, a meeting of the JCC was convened to hear his views on the proposal for the reform of the UN Department of Political Affairs.

15/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau spoke on NAM's behalf in the Sixth Committee during the debate on the issue of "Criminal Responsibility of UN Officials and Experts on Tour of Duty". The draft was circulated among Coordinating Bureau members on October 10.

15/10/2007: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament in which it was considered the draft resolution "United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament", to be presented on behalf of the Movement in the UNGA First Committee, during its 62nd session.

16/10/2007: As agreed by the NAM Working Group on Disarmament, the draft resolution "Effects of the use of arms and ammunition with depleted uranium" was circulated among all Coordinating Bureau member delegations, to be presented by NAM in the First Committee during the UNGA 62nd session.

16/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau spoke on behalf of NAM during the discussions on the "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization". The draft statement was circulated to all Coordinating Bureau member delegations on October 9.

17/10/2007: A letter was sent to the President of the Security Council; attached thereto was the Movement's position on the first annual report of the Peacebuilding Commission and a request to distribute said statement as an official document of the Security Council. Said position was outlined in the draft statement to be read

by Jamaica in the Security Council during the debate on that issue. The letter was circulated to NAM delegation for their information on October 23.

17/10/2007: As requested by the Palestinian delegation, 15 draft resolutions on the Palestinian issue were circulated, requesting the support of NAM members. Said drafts were to be considered during the 62nd UNGA session.

17/10/2007: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on Legal Matters to consider the amendment proposed to the draft resolution on the Rule of Law at the national and international levels, to be adopted in the Sixth UNGA Committee during the 62nd session.

18/10/2007: As requested by the delegation of Qatar, the draft resolution "Peaceful Dispute Resolution of Nuclear Issues" was circulated among Coordinating Bureau members for its eventual presentation within the framework of the UNGA First Committee, during its 62nd session.

19/10/2007: As requested by the delegation of Myanmar, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the UN Secretary General, denouncing the undue use of the Organization's premises to undertake hostile actions against UN members who are NAM members. The letter reiterated the Movement's principled position on the issue as agreed on February 16, 2007.

19/10/2007: The NAM Working Group on Disarmament approved the draft resolution entitled "Disarmament and Development", to be presented on behalf of the Movement in the UNGA First Committee, during its 62nd session.

22/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau sent letters to all the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, the Pro-Tempore Secretariat of the Rio Group and the Pro-Tempore Secretariat of MERCOSUR, requesting their support to the NAM draft resolution entitled "Effects of the use of depleted uranium arms and ammunition", presented in the First Committee during the UNGA 62nd session, and the grounds for its presentation.

22/10/2007: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on PKO, to analyze the document drafted by the Secretariat on the Fundamental Doctrine of PKO (Capstone Doctrine).

23/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated for consideration by the non aligned countries the NAM proposal of comments to the document drafted by the Secretariat on the Fundamental Doctrine for Peacekeeping Operations (Capstone Doctrine). The comments were prepared by the NAM Working Group on PKO.

24/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the draft resolution on the "Right to Development" among its members, which was to be discussed by the

NAM Working Group on Human Rights to be later presented in the UNGA Third Committee, during its 62nd session.

25/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau spoke on behalf of the Movement during the debate within the UNGA Sixth Committee on the issue "The Rule of Law at the National and International Levels". The draft statement was circulated to Coordinating Bureau members on October 22, 2007.

25/10/2007: The ordinary monthly meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau (Coordinating Bureau) was held.

30/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale to the NAM delegations reminding them the First Committee was going to take action on several resolutions and decisions presented by the NAM.

30/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale to all the UN Permanent Missions informing them that on November 1 the First Committee was going to take action on the draft resolution L.18 entitled: "Effects of the use of depleted uranium arms and ammunition".

30/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members the observations and comments regarding the draft document on the Fundamental Doctrine for Peacekeeping Operations (Capstone Doctrine).

30/10/2007: The Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN delivered a speech on behalf of the NAM, previously agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, in the general debate before the resolution "Necessity to put an end to the economic, commercial and financial blockade of the United States against Cuba" was voted in the UNGA plenary. The statement asks to put an end to the economic, commercial and financial blockade of the United States against Cuba and was drafted on the basis of the agreement reached on the issue during the 14th NAM Summit.

31/10/2007: The President of the General Assembly invited the Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, the Chairman of the G 77 and China and other delegations to a meeting to discuss the issue of climate change.

31/10/2007: A speech delivered by the delegation of Morocco on behalf of NAM in the Fourth Committee under item 34 of the agenda "General review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" was circulated. The draft statement was circulated to NAM delegations for their consideration on October 27.

31/10-1/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated Revisions 1, 2 and 3 of the draft resolution on the "Right to Development" for consideration by the

NAM Working Group on Human Rights and subsequent presentation to the UNGA Third Committee during its 62 session.

1/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale to its members, attaching thereto the other two traditional resolutions by NAM in the UNGA Third Committee "Human rights and unilateral coercive measures" and "Strengthening international cooperation in the field of human rights".

1/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale requesting all NAM delegations to participate in the informal consultations and provide their support to the draft resolution entitled "Human Rights and Cultural Diversity", in the framework of the UNGA Third Committee, during its 62nd session,

1/11/2007: As requested by the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic, a Note Verbale was circulated requesting NAM delegations support to the draft resolution "The Occupied Syrian Golan", to be considered by the UNGA Fourth Committee, during its 62nd session.

1/11/2007: All draft resolutions presented by NAM were adopted by consensus or by a broad margin of affirmative votes in the framework of the UNGA First Committee, namely: 1) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non proliferation; 2) Observance of environmental standards when drafting and implementing arms control and disarmament agreements; 3) Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace; 4) Effects of the use of depleted uranium arms and ammunition; 5) Disarmament and Development; 6) Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security; 7) United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament and 8) convening of the Fourth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to Disarmament.

2/11/2007: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau, as well as the Chairman of G77 and China and other delegations attended a luncheon hosted by the European Union. During the meeting there were informal discussions on issues like: System-Wide Coherence, UN Budget, Climate Change and Financing for Development.

2/11/2007: In the framework of the UNGA Third Committee, during its 62nd session, the NAM Working Group on Human Rights presented three draft resolutions: 1) Strengthening of international cooperation in the field of human rights; 2) Human Rights and unilateral coercive measures and 3) Right to Development.

5/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the draft statement to be read by NAM during the joint debate in the General Assembly on issues 9 "Report of the Security Council" and 122 "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters".

On November 9 a Note Verbale was sent on failure to reach an agreement among NAM delegations on the content of said statements.

6/11/2007: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on Human Rights to review the draft resolutions promoted by Belarus (Effective and impartial review of human right situations) and Benin (International Year of Human Rights, linked to the celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights).

7/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau met with the Deputy Permanent Representative of Georgia, at his request. The Chair was briefed on the presentation by that country of a draft resolution entitled "Status of the internally displaced persons and refugees in Abjasia, Georgia".

7/11/2007: As agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, the statement Cuba was to read on behalf of NAM, during deliberations on specific resolutions against countries in the UNGA Third Committee, during its 62nd session, was circulated.

8/11/2007: As a result of an agreement by the NAM Group on Legal Matters, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the preliminary position paper of NAM on the draft resolution entitled: "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" considered by the UNGA Sixth Committee.

9/11/2007: As requested by the Palestinian delegation, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale encouraging NAM member delegations to participate in the debates on the Palestinian question to be held in the UNGA Fourth Committee, during its 62nd session.

13/11/2007: Pursuant to an agreement of the Coordinating Bureau, its Chairman conveyed a letter to the UN Secretary General regarding the appointment of an official for the position of Under Secretary General for the Department of Field Support and the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The draft letter was circulated among member delegations on November 9.

13/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale reporting decisions made by the NAM Working Group on Human Rights in a meeting held that same day. On November 14, the Chair registered on NAM's behalf the draft resolution entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council".

15/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale to all NAM delegations, containing a requesting of support by the Palestinian delegation for non aligned countries to back the proposal of including the issue of foreign occupation in the draft resolution on the right of the child, presented to the UNGA Third Committee, during its 62nd session.

15-16/11/2007: In the framework of the work of the UNGA Third Committee, on behalf of NAM, a proposed amendment was tabled to the draft resolution L.32 entitled

Institutional Building of the Human Rights Council, which was also co-sponsored by Germany, Brazil, Russia, Switzerland and Uruguay. On November 16 the amendment was adopted by consensus, which favored the final adoption of draft resolution L.32 by the United Nations General Assembly and, thus, the institutional building package of the Human Rights Council and the Code of Conduct for the mandate holders of the Council's special procedures.

16/11/2007: The ordinary meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the month of November was held.

16/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among members a Note Verbale by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia, as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament, on the need for States Parties to the Treaty for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, that are members of the Movement, to make a proposal of a representative for the position of Chairman of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee of the Eighth NPT Review Conference in the year 2009; as well as for the position of Chairman of the Review Conference in the year 2010.

16/11/2007: The NAM Working Group on Disarmament met. The meeting was attended by the Movement members that are States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in order to discuss the content of the document circulated in Vienna by the Chairman of the Second PREPCOM of the Eighth NPT Review Conference regarding the preparation of its activities.

16/11/2007: As agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, a letter on behalf of NAM was sent to H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Yelchenko, Chairman of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the Eighth NPT Review Conference.

19/11/2007: As agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, its Chairman sent a letter to the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China (G-77), informing on the decision to consider the issue of the proposed reform to the Department of Political Affairs jointly with the G-77 and China. As a result, a meeting of Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) was scheduled for 13 December.

19/11/2007: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, copied to the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, reiterating the Movement's concerns about the undue use of the United Nations premises to carry out hostile actions against UN Member States that are also members of NAM. Such letter made reference to the Panel Discussion on the Union of Myanmar, organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic in cooperation with some NGOs. On 28 November, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau received a reply by H.E. Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary General, taking note of the concerns of the Movement and assuring that the United Nations in its daily work remains fully guided by and committed to its Charter.

- 20/11/2007: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated among members a Note Verbale by the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, urging NAM delegations to participate in the vote of the draft resolution entitled "The Right of the Palestinian People to Self-Determination" in the UNGA Third Committee, during its 62nd Session.
- 20/11/2007: As requested by the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale containing information on the occupied Syrian Golan and two draft resolutions on the issue, presented by the Syrian delegation at the United Nations General Assembly at its 62nd Session.
- 21/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale by the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, requesting NAM delegations to vote in favour of draft resolutions presented at the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly on agenda item 32 entitled "United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East" and agenda item 33 "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories".
- 21/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to all Movement delegations another revised version of the draft resolution on the right to development, agreed upon by the NAM working group on human rights and presented to the UNGA Third Committee, at its 62nd session.
- 21/11/2007: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on the Revitalization of the UNGA, coordinated by Algeria, in order to identify elements to be included in the NAM statement at the debate in the plenary of the UNGA on item 121, entitled "Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly", to be held on 26 November.
- 21/11/2007: In the framework of the UNGA Third Committee, two out of the three draft resolutions presented by the Non-Aligned Movement were adopted, namely: "Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights" (L.48) and "Human rights and unilateral coercive measures" (L.50). The former was adopted, as is customary, by consensus; while the latter was again adopted by vote.
- 26/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to all NAM delegations, for its consideration, a Note Verbale containing a proposal by the European Union and Sweden to be included in the draft resolution entitled "Right to development" of the Third Committee of the General Assembly.

- 26/11/2007: In the context of the general debate that took place at the plenary of the General Assembly on the issue of the revitalization of the General Assembly, the delegation of Algeria, in its capacity as coordinator of the NAM Working Group on such matter, made a statement expressing the positions of the Movement on this item. The draft statement was previously circulated to all NAM delegations on 23 November.
- 27/11/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN, in his capacity as Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, met with his counterparts of New Zealand and Namibia, co-facilitators of the Mandates Review process, who requested the meeting to address this issue.
- 27/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale to all members, informing on the final position adopted by the NAM Working Group on Human Rights concerning the draft resolution entitled "Right to Development" and the last-minute proposals made by European Union regarding such draft resolution.
- 29/11/2007: The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, sent a message of congratulations on behalf of NAM to H.E. Mr. Paul Badji, Chairman of the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People in connection with the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, which was delivered by the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations in New York.
- 29/11/2007: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau read the message addressed by H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, on behalf of the NAM countries and the Cuban people, on the commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.
- 29/11/2007: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau made a statement on behalf of the Movement at the United Nations General Assembly during the consideration of agenda item 18, entitled "Question of Palestine". The draft statement had been previously circulated to all NAM delegations on 27 November for consideration.
- 30/11/2007: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau made a statement on behalf of the Movement at the United Nations General Assembly during the discussion of agenda item 17, entitled "The situation in the Middle East". The draft statement had been previously circulated to all NAM delegations on 28 November for its consideration.
- 30/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale to all members reminding NAM delegations that the General Assembly would take action on resolutions and decisions adopted by the First Committee, including those presented by the Movement, and requesting NAM members their support for NAM's initiatives.

- 3/12/2007: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the statement made by Cuba, in its capacity as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement Vienna Chapter, during the discussion of agenda item 4 c) entitled "Implementation of the NPT safeguard agreement and relevant provisions of Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007) in the Islamic Republic of Iran", at the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency' meeting on 22-23 November 2007.
- 07/12/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale reminding NAM delegations that the General Assembly would take action on the draft resolutions under agenda items 17 and 18, entitled "Situation in the Middle East" and "The question of Palestine", respectively, on 10 December.
- 10/12/2007: The Coordinating Bureau adopted a Declaration on the occasion of Human Rights Day. The draft statement was previously circulated to all NAM delegations for comments on 7 December. The text, as adopted by the Bureau, was circulated to all United Nations Member States for their information and was sent to the Secretary-General for its publication as an official document of the General Assembly.
- 12/12/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated for information of all NAM delegations, the statement made on 10 December by the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations Office in Geneva, on behalf of NAM and other States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) in the meeting of States Parties to the Convention.
- 12/12/2007: As requested by the Myanmar delegation, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a letter by the Permanent Representative of Myanmar informing that the country-specific resolution presented by the European Union against Myanmar would be considered by the General Assembly on 18 December 2007, and requested the support of NAM members.
- 13/12/2007: The monthly ordinary meeting of NAM Coordinating Bureau was held.
- 13/12/2007: As requested by the Palestinian delegation, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the draft resolution entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people". The Palestinian delegation requested the support of the Movement to adopt the aforesaid draft resolution by consensus in the General Assembly Plenary on 17 December 2007.
- 13/12/2007: The Joint Coordinating Committee held a meeting at expert level to have a preliminary exchange of views on the proposals by the Secretary-General for the Department of Political Affairs (Document A/62/521).

- 17/12/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale to members informing that on 18 December 2007 the General Assembly would take action on resolutions and decisions adopted by the Third Committee, including those presented by the Non-Aligned Movement.
- 18/12/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated for NAM delegations' information in New York the working paper entitled "Proposals for improving national implementation of the Convention and regional and sub-regional cooperation", presented by NAM and other States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention during the annual meeting of States Parties to such BWC, held in Geneva from 10 to 14 December 2007.
- 19/12/2007: As agreed by the Coordinating Bureau in its monthly ordinary meeting, the Chair addressed a letter to H.E. Mr. Pedro Serrano, Head of the Liaison Office of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union to the United Nations, regarding the symposium at ministerial level being organized by Mr. Javier Solana, High Representative of the European Union for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, entitled: "Addressing strategic challenges together: Upholding multilateral non-proliferation and disarmament treaty system in all its components, building trust in order to cooperate in modern technologies field, including energy". A copy of the letter was circulated on 21 December to NAM members for their information.
- 21/12/2007: At the request of several NAM delegations, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Power Point presentation on Integrated Training Service activities made by Ms. Fatemah Ziai, Chief of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations Integrated Training Service, during the informal brainstorming session with the NAM Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, held on 18 December 2007.
- 7/01/2008: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, met with Ambassador Pedro Serrano, Head of the Office of the European Union Council to the United Nations, to personally deliver and address the issue of the letter sent by the Coordinating Bureau on the disarmament symposium organized by the European Union by initiative of Mr. Javier Solana, High Representative of the European Union for the Common Foreign and Security Policy. Mr. Serrano noted the concern of the Movement and promised to keep it posted on any information concerning the organization of that event.
- 8/01/2008: The Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau met with the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, country to take up the Presidency of the New York Chapter of the G-77 and China during the year 2008. The objective of the meeting was to exchange views on the continuity of work in the framework of the Joint Coordinating Committee between both organizations.

- 9/01/2008: The NAM Troika met with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, at the latter's request, in order to exchange views on different issues including: System-wide coherence, reform of the Department of Political Affairs and the establishment of a new high-level post at the UN Secretariat to deal with the issue of the "Responsibility to protect". The NAM Troika reaffirmed the Movement's position on these issues.
- 11/01/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau made a statement on behalf of NAM during the handover ceremony of the Presidency of G-77 and China from Pakistan to Antigua and Barbuda. On 15 January the statement was circulated to all NAM member delegations, for information.
- 16/01/2008: The ordinary monthly meeting of the Coordinating Bureau was held.
- 17/01/2008: As agreed in the ordinary monthly meeting of the Coordinating Bureau, a Declaration was adopted in connection with the deterioration of the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem. The draft Declaration was circulated on 16 January to all NAM delegations for its consideration. The Declaration was circulated for the information of all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations. At the request of the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, the text was circulated as an official document of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council under the symbol A/62/652-S/2008/28.
- 17/01/2008: The Cuban Chair of the Coordinating Bureau attended as a guest the meeting of the NAM Caucus in the Peacebuilding Commission, at the request of its Coordinator (Jamaica). The purpose of the meeting was to agree on the lines of messages by NAM to participate in the retreat organized by the representation of Japan, in its capacity as Chair of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, scheduled for 18-20 January 2008.
- 19/01/2008: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau met with H.E. Mr. Dalius Čekuolis, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations, Chairman designate to the biennial meeting of States to consider the implementation of the programme of action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange views on the preparations of the abovementioned meeting, scheduled to be held in July 2008.
- 21/01/2008: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, as well as the League of Arab States and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, requested the President of the Security Council to convene an emergency session of that body in order to discuss the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories. On that same day, the Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau was invited to a meeting of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council to coordinate positions in this connection.

- 22/01/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau made a statement on behalf of the Movement during the Security Council emergency meeting to examine the situation of the occupied Palestinian territories. The draft statement had been previously circulated to all NAM delegations on 27 November for its consideration. The statement was based on the declaration of the Coordinating Bureau adopted on 17 January 2008.
- 22/01/2008: A NAM Working Group on Disarmament had a meeting, as part of the actions aimed at ensuring the effective participation of Movement members in disarmament events this year, in New York as well as in other multilateral venues.
- 24/01/2008: The Cuban Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, after concerting with Indonesia, in its capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament, addressed a letter to the Permanent Representative of Algeria, in its capacity as Chairman of the African Group, on the need to nominate a candidate from that group to chair the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) for the 2010 TNP Review Conference. A copy of the letter was circulated on 25 January to all NAM delegations.
- 25/01/2008: The statement to be made by the President, on behalf of NAM, in the debate at the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East, including the question of Palestine, scheduled for 30 January, was circulated to the Coordinating Bureau. The draft statement was previously circulated to all NAM delegations on 17 January. On 18 January a Note Verbale by the Permanent Mission of Lebanon was circulated, requesting the addition of a new paragraph.
- 28/01/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau, assisted by the Troika, met with the NAM caucus at the Security Council to exchange views on possible variants to revitalize the work of the caucus in that body as well as to maintain an effective relationship between the caucus and the Coordinating Bureau. The outcome of that meeting was informed to all delegations of the Movement by way of Note Verbale NAM/20/2008 of 1 February 2008.
- 29/01/2008: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN, in his capacity of Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, met with Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, Lynn Pascoe, at his request. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange views on the proposals of reform presented to the Secretariat regarding that Department.
- 30/01/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the President of the Security Council containing the statement that NAM could not make in the Security Council debate held on 30 January on the situation of the Middle East, including the question of Palestine. The letter expressed the dissatisfaction by the decision of the Security Council not to have an open debate on the matter. At

the request of the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, the letter and the statement were published as official documents of the Council (S/2008/57).

31/01/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the President of the Security Council as a forceful response to statements made by the Permanent Representative of Israel against the NAM in the Security Council debate held on 30 January on the situation of the Middle East, including the question of Palestine. At the request of the Chair, the document was circulated as official document of the Council (S/2008/62).

31/01/2008: The Coordinating Bureau adopted a Declaration in response to the inability of the Security Council to take effective action regarding the situation of the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly the Gaza Strip. At the request of the Chair, this Declaration was circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council under symbols A/62/672 and S/2008/70.

5/02/2008: The Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations requested that a note of reply be circulated as an official document of the Security Council and the General Assembly to the letter sent by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of NAM, dated 31 January 2008, giving a rightful response to the statements against NAM made by the Permanent Representative of Israel during the Security Council debate on the situation in the Middle East, on 30 January. The abovementioned note—concise--had a basically defensive tone.

5/02/2008: A meeting of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council was held in order to address the issues included in the Security Council agenda for the month of February. The meeting was chaired by South Africa, the Coordinator of the Caucus, and was attended by all its members at the level of Permanent Representative. Also in attendance as guests were the Cuban Chair of the Coordinating Bureau and Costa Rica, member of the Security Council and NAM Observer Member.

5/02/2008: The Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, in its capacity as one of the JCC co-chairs, met with the Ambassadors from Tanzania and Ireland, new co-facilitators of the system-wide coherence process.

6/02/2008: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, attended a meeting with the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, which was also attended by the Ambassadors of Slovenia (President of the EU) and Antigua and Barbuda (President of G-77 and China) and from the Secretariat, the Chief of Staff to the SG and the Assistant Secretary-General in Charge of the African Division in the Department of Political Affairs. The meeting had the purpose to inform about the tour made by the Secretary-General in the month of January, including his participation in the Davos Forum and the African Summit, among other bilateral meetings with African countries.

- 6/02/2008: A reply was received dated 23 January 2008 from Ambassador Pedro Serrano, Head of the Secretariat Liaison Office of the Council of the European Union to the United Nations, to the letter sent by NAM on 19 December 2007, concerning the event about disarmament and non-proliferation that the EU was preparing.
- 7/02/2008: The Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, in his capacity as co-chair of the JCC, made an intervention in the informal consultations convened by the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the issue of the system-wide coherence, particularly to discuss the way forward of this process and introduce the new co-facilitators (Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Tanzania).
- 8/02/2008: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on Peace-Keeping Operations to begin the discussion of the report presented by the United Nations Secretary-General on the "Reform of the Security Sector".
- 8/02/2008: The Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau met with the co-facilitators of the process for the revitalization of the General Assembly, Ambassadors of Poland and Uruguay, at their request. The Permanent Representative of Algeria, in his capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly, was invited to the meeting.
- 8/02/2008: The Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau met with Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the issue "Children and armed conflicts", at her request. Ms. Coomaraswamy reported on the holding of the Security Council open debate on this matter, scheduled for 12 February and inquired about the possible Movement participation in it.
- 12/02/2008: The NAM Troika in New York met with Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Chief of Staff of the Secretary-General, at the request of the latter, to discuss the Secretary-General proposal to establish a new Special Advisor position for the issue of "Responsibility to Protect" at the level of Assistant Secretary-General. Mr. Francis Deng, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide was also present in the meeting. In this meeting, the Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau reiterated the concerns of NAM expressed to the Secretary-General in the letters dated 20 June and 6 September 2007.
- 12/02/2008: The Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau received a letter from the Permanent Representative of Cameroon, in his capacity as Coordinator of the African Group, informing of the Group's support to the nomination of H.E. Mr. Boniface Guwa Chidyausiki, Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, to the Presidency of the Third Preparatory Committee of the

Eighth NPT Review Conference, to be held in 2009. This nomination was circulated to the members of the Coordinating Bureau on 14 February 2008.

13/02/2008: The ordinary monthly NAM Coordinating Bureau meeting was held.

13/02/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau attended as a guest a meeting between the delegation of Iran and the NAM caucus in the Security Council. The purpose of the meeting, which was requested by Iran, was to exchange views on the latest events regarding the Iranian nuclear issue. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau informed members of this meeting by Note Verbale NAM/33/2008 of 14 February.

13/02/2008: At the request of Mr. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, the Joint Coordinating Committee heard a briefing on the proposals of the Secretary-General for the restructuring of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

14/02/2008: Working luncheon between the NAM Troika and the European Union Troika in New York, to which the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, in his capacity of President of G-77 and China, was invited. Views were exchanged on the situation in the Middle East, including the question of Palestine; on the United Nations system-wide coherence process; and on the Secretary-General proposal to restructure the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

14/02/2008: For the information of NAM delegations, the Chair circulated the letter by H.E. Mr. Pedro Serrano, Head of the Liaison Office of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union to the United Nations, in response to the letter addressed by the Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau on 19 December 2007 regarding the symposium at the ministerial level being organized by Mr. Javier Solana, the High Representative of the European Union for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, entitled: "Addressing strategic challenges together: Upholding multilateral non-proliferation and disarmament treaty system in all its components, building trust in order to cooperate in modern technologies field, including energy".

14/02/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to all NAM members that are Parties to the NPT the letter by H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Yelchenko, President of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) of the Eighth NPT Review Conference, containing information on the preparations of that PREPCOM session. The Chair also informed that the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would meet, in her capacity as Chairperson of the NAM Chapter in Vienna, with Mr. Yelchenko to reiterate the NAM invitation to come to New York in an early date to meet with the Group of NAM countries that are States Parties to the NPT.

- 14/02/2008: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly. The delegation of Algeria, in its capacity as Coordinator of the Group, informed the rest of the Coordinating Bureau member delegations of the meeting with the co-facilitators of the General Assembly revitalization process.
- 14/02/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar informing the Movement about the recent domestic political actions carried out by his government. At the request of the Permanent Representative of Myanmar, the Note Verbale was circulated to Coordinating Bureau members on 15 February.
- 19/02/2008: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on Legal Matters to coordinate positions with a view to the session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.
- 19/02/2008: Algeria, in its capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly, sent a Note Verbale to the Movement members enclosing the statement to be made on its behalf at the first meeting of the General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group on this matter, to be held on 21 February. On the very 21 February, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the statement made by Algeria on behalf of NAM.
- 20/2/2008: As agreed by the NAM Working Group on Legal Matters, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated for the consideration of member delegations of the Movement, the proposal entitled: "Consideration of legal aspects of the United Nations reform", to be presented by the Rio Group during the session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.
- 22/2/2008: The JCC met at the level of experts to examine the approach and political implications of the Secretary-General's proposal for realigning the Department of Political Affairs. That same day, the Co-Chairs of the JCC circulated a Note Verbale to its members informing the outcome of this meeting.
- 22/2/2008: A meeting of experts of the JCC was called to examine the United Nations System-wide coherence process. At this meeting, the JCC discussed the proposal of the Co-Chairs of UN System-wide coherence process to initially focus on the issue of "the UN as one at the ground level".
- 23/02/2008: A meeting of the Non-Aligned Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations was held to examine the Secretary-General's Report on Security Sector Reform.
- 25/02: Meeting of the Non-Aligned Coordinating Bureau with the Chair of the Biennial Meeting on the Implementation of the Action Program against the Illegal Trafficking of Small and Light Weapons scheduled to take place in July, 2008 in New York.

26/2/2008: The Group of Non-Aligned Countries Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) agreed to appoint H.E. Mr. Boniface Guwa Chidyausiki, Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations as the NAM candidate for the post of Chair of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) of the 8th Review Conference of the TNP. On February 27th, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau informed of this decision in a letter addressed to H.E Mr. Volodymyr Yelchenko, President of the Second Session of PREPCOM, with copy to the Secretariat. A copy of this letter was also circulated to Non-Aligned member countries parties to the TNP. The Chair also informed this decision to all UN member states parties to TNP.

26/02/2008: Meeting of the Non-Aligned Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations with the view of concerting positions to be included in the Movement's statement to be delivered during the session of the Peacekeeping Operations Committee in March, 2008, as well as to debate the positions of the Non-Aligned Movement regarding the document "Fundamental Doctrines of the PKO" (Capstone Doctrine).

27/02/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Committee made a statement on behalf of the Movement during the general debate of the 253rd Meeting of the Special Committee on the United Nations Charter and for strengthening the role of the organization. The draft statement was circulated on February 21st to all Coordinating Bureau members for their consideration.

27/02/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated- for information of NAM States Parties to the NPT- a letter addressed by H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Yelchenko, Chair of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) of the 8th NPT Review Conference in connection with the calendar for consultations to be held in New York with the delegations of the States Parties to said treaty.

27/02/2008: Meeting of the Non-Aligned Working Group on Legal Matters for coordinating the positions of the Movement in the framework of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

27/02/2008: In fulfilment of the mandate of the Non-Aligned Working Group on Legal Matters, the Cuban Chair meet with the Russian delegation to exchange views regarding its proposal in the framework of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization titled "Fundamental conditions and consistent views of the United Nations for the imposition and application of UN sanctions".

28/2/2008: The NAM Coordinating Bureau held a special meeting to listen to a statement and exchange views with H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba. During the meeting the main results

obtained by the Non-Aligned Movement following the 14th Summit were examined both in the framework of the United Nations and in other multilateral forums, including the main projections and challenges of the Movement during 2008. On February 29th, the statement by the Cuban Foreign Minister was circulated to members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

28/02/2008: In the framework of the special meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, the Palestinian Ambassador presented a draft Declaration of the Movement condemning Israeli action's in Gaza. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the draft declaration to all member delegations.

29/02/2008: The NAM Coordinating Bureau adopted a Declaration on the situation of occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem. The Chair requested that this Declaration be published as an official document of the AGNU and of the Security Council.

29/02/2008: As agreed at the meeting of the JCC held on February 22, the Co-Chairs circulated a draft proposal for consideration by the delegations regarding the position of the JCC on the Secretary-General's proposal for realigning the Political Affairs Department.

3/03/2008: Vietnam, Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council during the month of March, convened a meeting of the Caucus, to which Cuba was invited in its capacity as Chair of the Movement. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange views on the format of the meetings of this organ with regards to the issue of "non-proliferation" scheduled to take place that same day.

3/03/2008: The Co-Chairs of the JCC circulated a Note Verbale informing the timeframe proposed by the Co-Chairs of the United Nations System-wide coherence process for the next round of consultations. The Note Verbale also refers to the need to follow through the position of the JCC during this process.

3/03/2008: The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba received a letter from the Foreign Minister of Montenegro requesting the status of observer country of the Non-Aligned Movement. The Cuban Foreign Minister responded the letter on behalf of the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement and informed that his request would be conveyed to the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement, which shall adopt a decision on the matter and make the relevant recommendation to the 15th NAM Ministerial Conference.

3/03/2008: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau attended a working luncheon hosted by Egypt for the delegations of G-77, NAM and the United States.

4/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau was invited to attend a meeting of the Non-Aligned Caucus in the Security Council, for the purpose of exchanging views on the Council's work program for March 2008.

- 4/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to its members a Note Verbale of Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations, expressing the interest of H.E. Mr. David Choquehuanca Cespedes, Minister of Foreign and Religious Affairs of the Republic of Bolivia, in making a presentation at the monthly meeting of the Coordinating Bureau scheduled for 5 March, 2008.
- 4/03/2008: A meeting of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament was held to exchange views and prepare the meeting with the Chair of the Second Preparatory Committee of the 8th Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which would take place in Geneva during April-May, 2008. The candidacy of the Ambassador of Zimbabwe to the United Nations as Chair of the Third Session of PREPCOM in 2009 on behalf of NAM was ratified.
- 4/03/2008: Meeting of the JCC to continue discussions on the issue of United Nations System-wide coherence and to reaffirm the agreements reached on the matter in order to carryout consultations and negotiations within the framework of AGNU.
- 5/03/2008: The monthly meeting of the Coordinating Bureau was held on 5 March, 2008.
- 5/03/2008: At the request of the Bolivian delegation, the NAM Coordinating Bureau listened to a presentation by H.E. Mr. David Choquehuanca Cespedes, Minister of Foreign and Religious Affairs of Bolivia.
- 5/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau met with H.E. Mr. Agshin Mehdiyev, Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations, responding to a request of the latter. The purpose of the meeting was to request the NAM's support to a draft resolution that he would convey to the plenary of AGNU. The Chair briefed the NAM Coordinating Bureau of this meeting through Note Verbale NAM/75/2008.
- 5/03/2008: JCC Meeting of Experts to examine the proposal conveyed by the Co-Facilitators of the Mandate Review Process, specifically on the issue of "humanitarian assistance". Several key issues regarding the position of the JCC were identified and it was agreed to hold another meeting on 11 March, 2008, before the open consultations in framework of AGNU scheduled for 12 March, 2008.
- 6/03/2008: At the request of the Bolivian delegation, the NAM Coordinating Bureau adopted a declaration on the situation in said country. The draft declaration was circulated to all NAM delegations for consideration on 5 March.
- 6/03/2008: Following its adoption by the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC), a copy of the letter by the Co-Chairs of the JCC addressed to H.E Mr. Lynn Pascoe, Under

Secretary-General for Political Affairs, was sent to the Secretary-General with the views of the Group on the Secretary-General's proposals for realigning the Political Affairs Department. At the request of the Co-Chairs, the letter was circulated as an official document of the General Assembly as A/C.5/62/24. On 12 March, the Secretary-General responded to the Co-Chairs by means of a letter circulated as A/C.5/62/25.

7/03/2008: The Co-Chairs of the JCC as well as the representatives of other delegations attended a meeting convened by H.E. Mr. Lynn Pascoe, Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs, to examine the proposal for realigning Political Affairs Department. That same day, the Chair briefed the Coordinating Bureau on outcome of the meeting through Note Verbale NAM/74/2008.

7/03/2008: The Deputy Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, acting Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, met with the Ambassador of Eritrea, at the latter's request. The purpose of the meeting was to brief the Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement on the situation of the border with Ethiopia and the presence in the country of a UN Peacekeeping Operation.

7/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members a copy of the statements by member countries of the Non-Aligned Movement during the IAEA Board of Governors meeting which took place in Vienna from 3 to 7 March, 2008.

10/03/2008: The Moroccan delegation, in its capacity as Coordinator of the Non-Aligned Movement Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, made a statement during the general debate of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The draft statement was circulated to NAM delegations for its consideration on 5 March, 2008.

12/03/2008: A copy of the letter addressed to H.E. Mr. Lynn Pascoe, Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs by the JCC in response to the concerns expressed by the Group regarding the proposal for realigning the Department of Political Affairs. That same day, a meeting of the JCC was held at the ambassadorial level for the purpose of examining the response rendered by the Department of Political Affairs. The Chair informed the Coordinating Bureau of the outcome of the meeting in Note Verbale NAM/81/2008.

12/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau was invited to a meeting of the Non – Aligned Caucus in the Security Council for analyzing the meeting format of this UN organ for renewing the mandate of the Executive Office of the Committee against Terrorism (CTED).

12/03/2008: A meeting of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament was held to prepare the meeting between the Group and the Chair of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the 8th NPT Review Conference.

- 12/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau and the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations in his capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament, met with H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Yelchenko, Chair of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) of the 8th NPT Review Conference. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau and Coordinator of the Working Group on Disarmament orally informed the latter on the aforementioned meeting.
- 12/03/2008: The Moroccan delegation, and Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, delivered an address on behalf of the Movement during an informative meeting organized by the UN Secretariat on Security Sector Reform in the framework of the sessions of the Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34).
- 13/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau met with H.E. Mr. Armen Martirosyan, Permanent Representative of Armenia, at the latter's request. The Chair informed the Coordinating Bureau of the outcome of the meeting through Note Verbale NAM/84/2008.
- 13/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations requesting the circulation of a Coordinating Bureau draft Declaration on the imposition of unilateral coercive measures against this country. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the note to all NAM member countries and informed that comments would be accepted until Monday, 17 March.
- 13/03/2008: A meeting of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament was held with the Chair of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) of the 8th NPT Review Conference. In the framework of said meeting, the Chair (Ambassador of Ukraine in Vienna) offered an overview of the preparatory work for the 2nd PREPCOM, as well as the preparation process in general until the Review Conference in 2010.
- 13-14/03/2008: Several meetings of experts of the JCC were held on the process on mandate review, specifically on humanitarian issues, during which the immediate actions to be carried out by the Group in this area were defined.
- 20/03/2008: At the request of Belarus, the Coordinating Bureau adopted a Declaration on the imposition of unilateral sanctions against this country. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau requested that this Declaration be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council as A/62/763-S/2008/199.
- 20/03/2008: At her request, Mrs Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the situation of children and armed conflicts,

offered an informative session to the NAM Working Group on Human Rights. The Chair informed the Coordinating Bureau of the meeting through Note Verbale NAM/98/2008.

20/03/2008: At the request of the Permanent Mission of Somalia, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members a Note Verbale appending the “Strategy for Reconciliation of the Federal Transition Government of Somalia”.

24/03/2008: The Co-Chairs of the JCC met with the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Tanzania, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the United Nations System-wide coherence process, at the request of the latter. The Chair informed the Coordinating Bureau of the outcome of the meeting through Note Verbale NAM/99/2008.

25/03/2008: As agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, the Chair made a statement in an open debate of the Security Council on the Middle East, including the question of Palestine. The draft statement was circulated to all among all NAM delegations on 20 March, 2008.

28/03/2008: As agreed at the meeting of the JCC held on 19 March, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau made a statement on behalf of the JCC and conveyed the Group’s position on the issue of “the UN as one at the field level”, during informal consultations of the plenary meeting of AGNU on United Nations System-Wide Coherence.

1/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations informing Non-Aligned member and observer countries on the First International Forum of Higher Education Graduates from said country. The note was circulated among NAM member and observer countries.

3/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau was invited to a meeting of the Non-Aligned Caucus in the Security Council, to exchange views on the program of work of the Council for April, 2008.

3/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a copy of the statement by H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, on behalf of the Presidency of the Non-Aligned Movement during the 20th Summit Meeting of the Arab League held in the Arab Republic of Syria.

3/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations, requesting the Coordinating Bureau to forward information, on the attempts by some Security Council members to promote the adoption of a Presidential Declaration by this

organ with regards to the situation in Myanmar, to NAM member and observer countries. The note was circulated to NAM member and observer countries.

3/04/2008: A meeting of experts of the JCC was held as part of the debate and negotiation process on the United Nations System-wide coherence, in order to draw the guidelines for consultations at the AGNU with regards to the specific issue of financing.

4/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau met with H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, at the request of the latter. The Chair briefed the Coordinating Bureau on the outcome of the meeting in Note Verbale NAM/113/2008.

7/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau made a statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement during the general debate of the Ad Hoc Committee on Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission. The draft statement was circulated on 31 March to NAM delegations for consideration.

7/04/2008: As agreed during the meeting on the JCC on 3 April, the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda, in its capacity as Co-Chair of the JCC, made a statement on the current position of the Group on the issue of "Financing", during informal consultations held during the AGNU plenary session on the United Nations System-wide coherence. The draft intervention was circulated on April 4th to all JCC members for consideration.

7/04/2008: The Permanent Representative of Indonesia, in his capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament made a statement during the general debate of the UN Commission on Disarmament during its 2008 session.

8/04/2008: As agreed during the meeting of the JCC on 3 April, the Co-Chairs sent a joint letter to the Co-Chairs of the UN System-wide Coherence Process. The draft was circulated on 7 April, to all the NAM delegations for consideration.

9/04/2008: Monthly ordinary meeting of the Non-Aligned Coordinating Bureau.

9/04/2008: A meeting of the Non-Aligned Caucus in the Security Council was held at the request of Costa Rica, in its capacity as Chair of the Committee of res. 1540 (on the non- proliferation of weapons of mass destruction).

10/04/2008: The NAM Working Group on Disarmament met to coordinate the position of the Movement for the forthcoming UN Disarmament Commission 2008 session.

10/04/2008: Meeting of the JCC to debate issues related to the process of UN System-wide Coherence. Participants also received information provided by the Chair of the UN Joint Inspection Unit.

- 10/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to its members a new format of the working document conveyed by Non-Aligned Working Group I (on nuclear disarmament) during the substantive session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) as a contribution to the final document of said Working Group.
- 11/04/2008: Two meetings of the NAM Working Group on Legal Matters were held for the purpose of concerting positions and elaborating proposals in connection with the Working Document on International Cooperation submitted by the Chair of the Working Group of the Ad Hoc Committee on Criminal Accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission. Two NAM preliminary comments in connection with the same document were also circulated on the same day.
- 11/04/2008: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, in her capacity as Co-Chairs of the JCC, met with the Co-Facilitators (UN Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Tanzania) of the UN System-wide coherence process in response to a request of the latter.
- 11/04/2008: A meeting of the JCC Working Group on Mandate Review was held to define the positions with regards to the analyses and recommendations made by the Co-Chairs in keeping with the mandate of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Issues.
- 16/04/2008: As agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, the Chair addressed a letter to the President of the General Assembly requesting a meeting of the plenary of said organ for the purpose of analyzing and exchanging information on the outcome of the visits of the Peacekeeping Commission to the countries under its consideration. The letter was circulated on 17 April to all NAM member countries. On the following day, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau and the Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the Peace-building Commission met with the President of the General Assembly to discuss the content of the letter. On 21 April, a copy of the letter was sent to the President of the Special Committee on the Peacekeeping Operations.
- 17/04/2008: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, in his capacity as Co-Chair of the Joint Coordinating Committee, made a statement in connection with the issue of governance during informal consultations on United Nations System-wide coherence. The draft statement was circulated on 15 April for consideration by the member of the JCC.
- 22/04/2008: A meeting of the NAM Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations was held during the deliberations of the Committee of the PKO of the United Nations (Committee of 34).

- 23/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale for the purpose of informing the Movement's position on the proposal presented by the Facilitator of the draft report on the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.
- 23/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated a Note Verbale prepared by the Permanent Mission of Syria, in his capacity as Chair of the League of Arab States, requesting the support of NAM members so that the proposal tabled by the Arab Group will be included in the UNICEF Strategy for the protection of children.
- 23/04/2008: Meeting of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament in preparation for the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) of the 8th NPT Review Conference which will be held in Geneva from 28 April through 9 May, 2008.
- 25/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the statement by Indonesia on behalf of the Movement in its capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament, during the closing of the substantive session of the UN Commission on Disarmament.
- 28/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the statement by Cuba on behalf of the NAM countries parties to the TNP, during the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) of the 8th NPT Review Conference, which was held in Geneva, Switzerland from April 28th through May 9th, 2008.
- 28/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to all its members the intervention by Cuba on behalf of NAM and China during the general debate of the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Chemical Weapons held in the Hague, from 7-18 April, 2008, as well as the position paper presented by NAM and China at said meeting.
- 29/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members the Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia requesting the support of the Non-Aligned Movement for the creation of an International Center for Combating Terrorism during the Review Conference of the UN Strategy to Combat Terrorism. It also requested that this initiative be included in the Final Document of the 15th NAM Ministerial Conference to be held in Tehran.
- 1/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau informed its members through Note Verbale NAM/139/2008, of the request from the Secretariat of the British Commonwealth of Nations to be granted the status of observer of the Non-Aligned Movement.

- 2/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau participated as guest in the meeting of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council for the purpose of exchanging views regarding the organ's program of work for the month of May and the actions that the Caucus could deploy in connection with certain issues.
- 7/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members the Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations, in its capacity as Chair of the Arab Group, informing of the situation created in the framework of the Human Rights Council (CODEHU), where the NGO called "World Union for Progressive Judaism" violated the rules of procedure and directly attacked Islamic countries. Based on a proposal conveyed by the Arab Group, the Coordinating Bureau agreed to send a letter to the President of the NGO Committee requesting that the matter be examined and that measures be adopted in connection with the aforementioned organization. It also urges NAM countries that are member of the NGOs Committee to support the actions to be deployed by the Arab Group in said organ in connection with this issue.
- 08/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau met with the Co-Facilitators of the Mandate Review Process, at the request of the latter. The Chair reiterated the positions of the Joint Coordinating Committee with regards to this issue.
- 08/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members a letter by H.E. Mr. Milan Rocen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro addressed to H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, in his capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, requesting the status of observer of the Non-Aligned Movement.
- 09/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the UN, informing the date of the Second Ministerial Meeting of the NAM for the Advancement of Women to be held in Guatemala from 7-10 December 2008.
- 12/05/2008: As agreed by the Coordinating Bureau, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau sent a Note Verbale to the Chairman of the NGOs Committee and the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, with the aim of drawing the Committee's attention to an urgent issue related to the "Union for World Progress of Judaism ", an NGO with list status in ECOSOC. The draft Note Verbale was submitted for consideration by the delegations of the Movement on May 9.
- 13/05/2008: Complying with an agreement of the Coordinating Bureau, the NAM Troika (Cuba, Egypt and Malaysia) met with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, to address the issue of Myanmar. The SG was accompanied by Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs Lynn Pascoe, his Cabinet chief and the Director of OCHA. The Permanent Representative of Cuba explained that NAM is concerned about the humanitarian situation in Myanmar due to hurricane

"Nargis" and is interested in supporting that NAM member country. An essential element in this regard is to avoid politicizing the issue and NAM was concerned about attempts in this direction by some countries in the Security Council. He insisted it was time to face the natural disaster and its impact on humans.

14/05/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau met with the co-facilitators of the process of revision of mandates, at the latter's request. The Chairman reiterated the positions of the JCC on this issue.

16/05/2008: The Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, in his capacity as Co-Chairman of the JCC, made a speech on behalf of the JCC in connection with the issues of gender equality and empowerment of women during informal consultations on coherence of the United Nations system-wide coherence. The draft was circulated for consideration of delegations on May 15.

20/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members the statement made by Jamaica, Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the Peace-building Commission, during the open debate of the Security Council on peace-building activities. The project was submitted for consideration of delegations on May 16.

22/05/2008: The Coordinating Bureau adopted a Declaration on the rebel attack against the Sudanese capital. The draft was sent to all members of NAM for consideration on May 21.

23/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among NAM member countries and observers a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Egypt, informing the new date and venue of the Fifteenth NAM Summit. The Chair noted that there was a change of date and the Fifteenth Summit will take place from 11 to 16 July 2009.

23/05/2008: The NAM Working Group on Legal Issues, coordinated by Cuba, held a meeting with the aim of achieving a common position of the Movement with respect to the working paper submitted by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group on the Crime of Aggression.

23/05/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau was invited to consultations by the Chairman of the General Assembly. These were attended by other delegations and Groups representatives on the food crisis issue.

27/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau issued a statement on the occasion of the commemoration of Africa Day. The text was sent to all delegations members of the Coordinating Bureau and the Secretary-General was requested to issue it as an official document of the UNGA.

- 28/05/2008: Under an agreement of the NAM Working Group on Legal Issues, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members a summary of the preliminary aspects that could be submitted by NAM in the framework of the Ad Hoc Group on the crime of aggression.
- 29/05/2008: At the request of the Permanent Representative of Palestine to the UN, a meeting of the NAM Caucus was held in the Security Council, to which Cuba was invited in its capacity as Chairman of NAM.
- 30/05/2008: The Algerian delegation, as Coordinator of the NAM Working Group on the Revitalization of UNGA, spoke at the meeting of the General Assembly's Open-ended Working Group for that matter, where it reaffirmed the positions of the Movement on this issue.
- 30/5/2008: The NAM Working Group on Disarmament decided to propose the postponement of the 2008 meetings of the UNGA Open-ended Working Group on the Convening of the fourth special session of the UNGA devoted to Disarmament (SSOD IV).
- 2/06/2008: The NAM Working Group on Disarmament met to exchange views on the Third Biennial Meeting for the Revision of the UN Programme of Action to combat Illegal Traffic in Small and Light Weapons, to be held in New York, from 14 to 18 July 2008.
- 3/06/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau was invited to the NAM Caucus meeting in the Security Council to exchange views on the work programme of that body for the month of June and discuss possible Caucus actions in certain issues.
- 3/06/2008: The NAM Working Group on Legal Affairs met to define and adopt a position on the working paper by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the crime of aggression.
- 4/06/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau made a speech on behalf of NAM, on the occasion of the election of Chairman of the General Assembly for its 63rd session.
- 4/06/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to Egypt made a speech on behalf of the Coordinating Bureau of NAM, in the meeting of the Committee for the Exercise of the Palestinian People's Inalienable Rights, held in Qawra, Malta, on 3 and 4 June 2008.
- 5/06/2008: The Coordinating Bureau approved the statement that the Movement would make on June 9 in the Special Committee on Decolonization on the issue of Puerto Rico. The draft was circulated for consideration by the non-aligned countries on June 2.

- 5/06/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated for the information of its members the speeches made by the Group of NAM countries to the IAEA at the Meeting of the Governors Board, held in June in Vienna.
- 6/06/2008: Cuba, on behalf of NAM, made a speech at the Ad Hoc Working Group on the topic of the crime of aggression, where it reiterated or expounded the Movement's position on several topics of interest that are discussed in this Committee.
- 6/06/2008: The regular meeting of the Coordinating Bureau for the month of June was held.
- 9/06/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the UN, informing him the decision of the Coordinating Bureau to recommend to the 15th Ministerial Conference of NAM to admit Montenegro as an observer state of the Movement.
- 9/06/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members, through Note Verbale NAM/194/2008, the position held by the Movement during the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the crime of aggression, in the context of the Sixth meeting of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
- 9/06/2008: The Permanent Representative of Dominica to the UN made a speech, on behalf of NAM, during the debate preceding the adoption by consensus of the resolution on Puerto Rico, in the UN Special Committee on Decolonization.
- 11/06/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau distributed among its members through Note Verbale NAM/199/2008, a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Venezuela, which announced the creation of the website on the COMINAC-VII.
- 12/6/2008: At the request of the Tunisian delegation, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among all member delegations, through Note Verbale NAM/202/2008, the Call made by the Chairman of Tunisia, urging the international community to contribute to the world efforts to combat the food crisis.
- 13/6/2008: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau delivered a speech on behalf of JCC, on the topic "Reform of the Institutional Practice of the United Nations" in informal consultations on the UN system-wide coherence. The draft statement was circulated among the delegations of the Movement on June 10.
- 13/6/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau participated as a guest at a meeting of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council, to exchange views on the

initiative of the Arab Group of submitting a draft resolution in the Security Council on the Israeli settlements.

16/6/2008: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau made a speech on behalf of JCC, under the theme of gender equality and women empowerment in the informal consultations on the UN system-wide coherence. The draft was circulated for comments from the non-aligned countries delegations on June 14.

16/6/2008: At the request of the Palestinian delegation, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated among its members a letter from His Excellency. Dr. Salam Fayyad, Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority, addressed to the Prime Ministers of the European Union Member States concerning the possible strengthening of relations between the EU and Israel.

16/6/2008: The NAM Caucus in the Security Council of the United Nations met to exchange views on the initiative of the Arab Group to prepare a draft resolution concerning the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, to be presented at the Council.

17/6/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the Chairman of the Security Council, with copies to the Chairman of the General Assembly and the UN Secretary-General, indicating the Movement's position regarding Israeli settlements and requesting that the Security Council consider this issue. The text was submitted to the Coordinating Bureau on June 13. It asked the Security Council to circulate the letter as an official document. On June 17, the information was distributed among the delegation of the Movement through Note Verbale NAM/205/2008, a draft resolution endorsed by the Arab Group on Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem.

20/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau made a speech at the Special Meeting to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the eviction of Palestinian refugees. The draft was brought to the attention of the Movement on June 19 through Note Verbale NAM/211/2008.

24/6/2008: The Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau sent a letter to the Coordinator of the NAM Caucus in the Security Council, conveying the interest of the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran to meet with members of the Caucus to update them on recent events concerning the Iranian nuclear issue.

25/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated for the information of member delegations, through Note NAM/229/2008, the speech delivered by Cuba on behalf of the NAM countries which are party to the Chemical Weapons Convention during the 53rd session of the Executive Council of the OPCW in The Hague on June 24, 2008.

B. Geneva

1. *Non-Aligned Group at the Human Rights Council*

8/11/2006: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva and other international organizations based in Switzerland, in his capacity as Chairman of NAM in the Geneva Chapter, sent the Chairman of the Human Rights Council a letter informing the decision of the NAM member countries to support the request to convene a special session of the Council on the violations of human rights of the Palestinian people committed by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territories.

15/11/2006: The Permanent Representative of Cuba spoke on behalf of NAM, in the special session on Palestine.

18/09 to 6/10/2006: During the Second Session of the Human Rights Council, the three draft decisions that would be submitted on behalf of the Movement were negotiated (right to development, human rights and unilateral coercive measures, and strengthening of international cooperation in the field of human rights). However, the consideration by the Council of these three draft decisions was postponed until the Fourth regular session (March/April 2007).

29/11 to 8/12/2006: Proposals of NAM were presented to the Human Rights Council at the Third Session regarding: the rules of procedure and working methods applicable to the call for special sessions of the Council; organizing the agenda and programme of work of the Council.

14/12/2006: The proposed working paper of NAM on the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism was circulated among the Non-Aligned Countries to be discussed and later presented as a contribution of the Movement to the Council's Working Group on this issue.

12/2006: Speech by the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva and other international organizations based in Switzerland, on behalf of NAM, at the third session of the Human Rights Council's Working Group on the agenda, work programme, working methods and rules of procedure of such Body.

15/01/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva and other international organizations based in Switzerland, on behalf of NAM, spoke at the third session of the Council's Working Group on Human Rights on the agenda, work programme, working methods and rules of procedure of such Body.

- 23/01/2007: The Cuban delegation made a speech on behalf of NAM, as part of the opening session of the third meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Right to Development in the Human Rights Council.
- 25/01/2007: A letter was sent, on behalf of NAM, to the facilitators of the Working Group (Guatemala and the Philippines) on the agenda, work programme, working methods and rules of procedure of the Council, conveying the rejection of the Movement to the draft report prepared by the Secretariat, considering that it did not reflect an objective and comprehensive full range of the views and specific proposals that have been expressed or submitted by the delegations and groups of delegations in the Working Group's discussions. It was therefore requested that a new report meeting those requirements be submitted.
- 26/01/2007: A revised NAM working paper on the Council's Agenda was delivered to the Chairman of the Human Rights Council.
- 1/02/2007: A Meeting of the NAM Working Group on Human Rights was held, coordinated by Cuba, with the aim of initiating the discussion and promoting the adoption of a common position of the Movement on the issue of the "Universal Periodic Review Mechanism" as a contribution to the negotiations of it in the Human Rights Council.
- 12/02/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office and other international agencies based in Geneva, made a speech on behalf of NAM in the Working Group of the Human Rights Council on the Modalities of the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism.
- 12/02/2007: The NAM Working Group on human rights held a meeting, coordinated by Cuba, in order to consider and adopt the second version of the proposed paper on NAM's position concerning the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism of the Human Rights Council.
- 15/02/2007: A document containing a draft work programme of the Human Rights Council was circulated among NAM members, to be discussed in a subsequent meeting of the NAM Working Group on human rights. This document would be the contribution of the Movement to the Working Group on the agenda, annual work programme, working methods and rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council.
- 16/02/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva and other international organizations based in Switzerland made a speech on behalf of NAM in the meeting to organize the work of the 4th session of the Human Rights Council.
- 22/02/2007: A meeting of the NAM Working Group on Human Rights was held to adopt the working paper of the Movement on the Universal Periodic Review

Mechanism of the Human Rights Council, and submit it as a contribution of NAM to the Working Group on the issue of the Human Rights Council.

26/02/2007: The Cuban delegation made a speech on behalf of NAM, at the opening session of the Eighth Session of the Human Rights Council Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development.

2/02/2007: The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the UN Office and other international agencies based in Geneva, responding to a request from the Palestinian delegation, sent to NAM member countries and observers two draft decisions on the Palestinian issue, to be adopted during the 4th Session of the Human Rights Council. The support to these draft decisions was requested from NAM member countries and observers that are also members of the Human Rights Council.

15/03/2007: The Cuban delegation made a speech on behalf of NAM in the 4th Session of the Human Rights Council. It expressed the Movement's position on the Report on the work and results achieved so far by the various Working Groups established for the institutional building of the Council.

15/03/2007: The Cuban delegation made a speech on behalf of NAM at the Fourth Session of the Human Rights Council. It expressed the Movement's position on the Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development.

27/03/2007: A NAM resolution on the strengthening of international cooperation in the field of human rights was adopted without a vote.

28/03/2007: The NAM Working Group on human rights presented three draft resolutions for consideration and adoption during the 4th session of the Human Rights Council, namely: Right to Development, Human Rights and Unilateral Coercive Measures and Strengthening International Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights.

29/03/2007: A meeting of the NAM Working Group on human rights was held to continue discussions and explore the possibility of presenting concrete contributions of the Movement (working papers) in the current negotiating process on the institutional building of the Human Rights Council in relation to the "HRC Advisory Committee" and the "complaints mechanism".

23/04/2007: The Chairman of the Human Rights Council was sent a Declaration of the 118 member countries of the NAM Coordinating Bureau on the release of international terrorist Luis Posada Carriles, adopted by the NAM Coordinating Bureau in New York on April 20, 2007. It was requested that the Declaration be circulated as an official document of the Human Rights Council.

- 25/04/2007: A meeting of the NAM Working Group on human rights was held to continue discussions and negotiations with a view to concluding a working paper on the issue of the "advisory body of experts". Such a document would be submitted as a contribution of NAM in the context of the negotiations for the institutional building of the Human Rights Council.
- 11/05/2007: There was a session of informal consultations between the African Group and the NAM Working Group on human rights, at the request of the former, to exchange views on the proposal submitted by the African Group on a Code of Conduct in relation to the special mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.
- 7/05/2007: A meeting of the NAM Working Group on human rights was held with the Chairman of the Human Rights Council, Mexican Ambassador to Geneva on the issue of the institutional building of the Council. The main objective was to exchange views on the document submitted by the Chairman on June 4 and on the discussions and negotiations that would take place within the framework of the 5th session of the Human Rights Council, to be held from 11 to 18 June 2007.
- 8/05/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva and other international organizations based in Switzerland intervened on behalf of NAM in the informal consultations convened by the Chairman of the Human Rights Council (Ambassador of Mexico) after circulating, on June 4, 2007, the first version of his paper on institutional building of the Human Rights Council.
- 12/09/2007: The Permanent Mission of Cuba in Geneva, in its capacity as NAM Chairman in that chapter, circulated a note consulting the formal endorsement by the Movement of India's nomination of Dr. Arjun Sengupta as the new coordinator of the Working Group on Right to Development for the Meeting of that intergovernmental Working Group on September 17, during the Sixth Session of the Human Rights Council.
- 12/9/2007: The Permanent Mission of Cuba in Geneva, in its capacity as Chairman of NAM in that chapter, circulated a note to member countries and observers of the Movement, enclosing the draft resolution: "The Israeli violations of religious and cultural rights in the occupied Palestinian territory including East Jerusalem", to be considered in the Sixth Session of the Human Rights Council, proposed by the Permanent Mission of Palestine.
- 13/09/2007: The Representative of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva delivered a speech on behalf of NAM at the opening of the sixth session of the Human Rights Council.
- 13/09/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva and other international organizations based in Switzerland delivered a speech on behalf of NAM in the Human Rights Council, in relation to the vision of the

Movement on the Sixth Session of the Council and the process of institutional building, among other topics.

- 14/09/2007: The Permanent Mission of Cuba in Geneva, in its capacity as Chairman of NAM in that venue, circulated a note to members of the Movement with a consultation on the draft resolution on human rights and unilateral coercive measures, based on resolution 2005/14 adopted at the defunct Commission on Human Rights and which has incorporated an extract of paragraph 16.4 of the Final Document of the 14th NAM Summit.
- 17/09/2007: NAM endorsed the nomination of Dr. Arjun Sengupta of India as Chairman of the Working Group on the Right to Development, who was elected. In his address on that occasion, the Cuban Ambassador to the UN Office in Geneva and other International organizations based in Switzerland, in his capacity as NAM Chairman in that venue, supported this nomination and recognized Dr. Ibrahim Salama for his work as the outgoing Chairman of this Working Group.
- 20/09/2007: The Cuban Ambassador to the UN Office in Geneva delivered a speech before the 6th Session of the Human Rights Council dedicated to the "Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories."
- 30/09/2007: The Permanent Mission of Cuba in Geneva, acting as NAM coordinator in this Venue, circulated a draft resolution on the promotion of cultural rights and the respect for cultural diversity, the text of which refers to the Declaration and Plan of Action adopted at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity held in Tehran in September 2007. This draft resolution was adopted without vote.
- 29/11/2007: The Cuban delegation, acting on behalf of NAM, delivered a speech at a special meeting organized in Geneva in celebration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. This speech reiterated NAM's historic position of solidarity with the Palestinian cause.
- 07/01/2008: At the 4th session of the High-Level Task Force on the Right to Development, the Cuban delegation delivered a speech on behalf of NAM, which was also embraced by China. This speech underscored the priority importance attached by the NAM members to their right to development and referred to the call made at the 14th NAM Summit to bring this right to the same level of the rest of basic rights and freedoms. The speech also listed the obstacles to the national capacities in the developing countries to exercise this right, including, inter alia, the impact of globalization, the unequal trade that restricts market access and the inadequate forms of international cooperation.
- 21/01/2008: The Cuban Chair of the NAM Chapter in Geneva circulated to the representative offices of the NAM members in that venue a draft speech for delivery at the Emergency Session of the Human Rights Council on the situation

in Palestine. The declaration adopted on this matter by the NAM Coordinating Bureau in New York last January 17, was forwarded to the Secretariat of the Council with a request that this declaration be distributed as an official document of the aforementioned Emergency Session to be held on January 23.

22/01/2008: The Cuban delegation, on behalf of NAM, delivered a speech at the Emergency Session of the Human Rights Council on the situation in Palestine and the recent crisis in Gaza.

22/02/2008: The NAM Working Group on Human Rights met to agree the NAM positions for the forthcoming session of the Working Group on the Right to Development.

25-29/02/2008: Two speeches were delivered on behalf of NAM at the 9th session of the Working Group on the Right to Development held on February 25 – 29, 2008.

29/02/2008: Cuban foreign minister, H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, in his capacity as Ministerial NAM Chairman, meets with Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director General of the UN Office in Geneva.

29/02/2008: The Geneva Chapter NAM ambassadors met with Cuban foreign minister, H.E. Felipe Pérez Roque, Ministerial NAM Chairman.

6/03/2008: The Cuban delegation, acting on behalf of NAM, delivered a speech on the human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories and in condemnation of the human right abuses committed by the Israeli forces in Gaza.

13/03/2008: In response to a request from the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Korea, NAM held a meeting prior to the session of the Human Rights Council to discuss the human right situation in this country.

27/03/2008: The Human Rights Council adopted without vote a NAM promoted resolution on the strengthening of international cooperation in the human-rights area.

7/05/2008: NAM endorsed an initiative to call a special session of the Human Rights Council to address the food crisis.

8/05/2008: The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the UN Office in Geneva and other International Organizations based in Switzerland, acting as NAM coordinator in this venue, addressed a Note Verbale to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council formally asking to call a Special Session of this Council to discuss the food crisis. This Note Verbale expressly indicated that this request was being made by Cuba (on behalf of NAM), Egypt (on behalf of the African Group), Pakistan (on behalf of OIC), Palestine (on behalf of the Arab Group) and other Council member states.

16/06/2008: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office and other International Agencies based in Geneva, acting on behalf of NAM, delivered a speech before the 8th session of the Human Rights Council, which discussed the human rights situation on the occupied Palestinian territories. This speech denounced the aggressions by the Israeli occupying power.

19/06/2008: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the UN Office and other International Agencies based in Geneva, acting on behalf of NAM, delivered a speech of farewell to the outgoing Chairman of the Human Rights Council at its 8th session.

2. The Non-Aligned Movement in the International Labor Organization (ILO)

14/11/2006: At a meeting of the Governmental Group held in the context of the 297th session of the ILO Governing Council, the Cuban delegation delivered a speech on behalf of NAM on the expansion of the Committee on Freedom of Association.

19/03/2007: In the context of the 298th Meeting of the ILO Governing Council, the three-party Working Group (consisting of employees, employers and governments) met to improve the working methods of the Commission on the Application of Standards of the ILO Conference. At this Working Group meeting, NAM submitted a proposal designed to add transparency to the operations of this Commission and prevent the use of this important International Labor Conference body for maneuvers against South countries.

22/03/2007: In the context of the 298th session of the ILO Governing Council, the NAM members of ILO held a meeting. The main agenda items were as follows: an official call for a meeting of NAM labor ministers to be held in the context of the 92nd International Labor Conference next June; evolution, status and prospects of the main ILO issues in which NAM has certain bearing, including the reform of the working methods of the Commission on the Application of Standards and the expansion of the membership of the Commission on Freedom of Association. On this last item, it was agreed that at its Governmental Group meeting, NAM would deliver a speech describing its support for the expansion of the Committee on Freedom of Association.

23/03/2007: Representatives of NAM members of ILO (Cuba, India, Nigeria and Venezuela) met with the leadership of the ILO Employees Group in the context of the 298th session of the Governing Council to discuss the expansion of the membership of the Committee on Freedom of Association.

29/03/2007: The NAM members of ILO issued a statement on the expansion of the membership of the Committee on Freedom of Association at a meeting of its

Governmental Group held in the context of the 298th session of the ILO Governing Council.

- 17/05/2007: The NAM members of ILO held an expert meeting to consider and negotiate draft Declarations on the Operating Procedures of the Standard Application Commission and the Expansion of the Committee on Freedom of Association for submission to and approval by a NAM labor ministers' meeting to be held in the context of the 96th International Labor Conference.
- 31/05/2007: The Cuban delegation, acting on behalf of NAM, used the floor during the general debate of the ILO Commission on the Application of Standards.
- 12/06/2007: The NAM labor ministers met in the context of the 96th International Labor Conference. This meeting adopted two declarations as follows: (i) "NAM Declaration on the working methods of the Commission on the Application of Standards" and (ii) "NAM Declaration on the Expansion of the Membership of the Committee on Freedom of Association."
- 13/06/2007: In his address to the plenary of the 96th International Labor Conference, the Cuban Labor and Social Security Minister, H.E. Mr. Alfredo Morales Cartaya, presented an overview of the results and resolutions emanating from the NAM labor ministers' meeting.
- 12/11/2007: At a GRULAC coordination meeting held in the context of the 300th session of the ILO Governing Council, the Cuban delegation submitted two declarations adopted by NAM during the NAM labor ministers' meeting held in June 2007. An overview of each declaration ("working methods of the Commission on the Application of Standards" and "Expansion of the Committee on Freedom of Association") was presented and both actual and future actions relative to these declarations were reported.
- 13/11/2007: In the context of the 300th session of the ILO Governing Council, the Cuban delegation submitted two declarations adopted by NAM during the NAM labor ministers' meeting (held in June 2007) on the "working methods of the Commission on the Application of Standards" and the "Expansion of the Committee on Freedom of Association." It was specifically requested that the Expansion of the Committee on Freedom of Association be included in the agenda of the session of the ILO Governing Council scheduled for March 2008.
- 16/11/2007: In the context of the 300th session of the ILO Governing Council, the Cuban Ambassador to the UN Office in Geneva and other International organizations based in Switzerland, acting in his capacity as NAM Coordinator, met with his Belgium counterpart Mr. Alex Van Meeuwen, Chairman of the ILO Governmental Group, and presented the declarations adopted by NAM during the NAM labor ministers' meeting held in June 2007. The contents of these two declarations ("working methods of the Commission on the Application of

Standards” and “Expansion of the Committee on Freedom of Association”) were described and their inclusion in the agenda of the Governmental Group meeting to be held within the framework of the Governing Council session was requested.

11/02/2008: The Permanent Mission of Cuba to UN Office in Geneva and other International organizations based in Switzerland, acting as NAM Chair at this venue, circulated a Note Verbale indicating an express interest by some NAM members to purchase part of the property that ILO may sell for the purpose of building their diplomatic facilities.

13/03/2008: The Governmental Group and the Employers and Workers Groups held a meeting promoted by Cuba as NAM Chair and in compliance with the declarations adopted at a meeting of NAM labor ministers held during the 96th International Labor Conference (June 2007) on the working methods of the Commission on the Application of Standards and the Expansion of the Committee on Freedom of Association.

15/04/2008: The NAM Troika ambassadors (Cuba, Egypt and Malaysia) in Geneva met with ILO Director General, H.E. Mr. Juan Somalia, to indicate the NAM members’ interest in having a preemptive right to purchase a property leased by ILO under a 60-year concession.

10/06/2008: The NAM labor ministers met in the context of the 97th International Labor Conference. The meeting was attended by delegations from 80 NAM member and observer countries, including 31 labor ministers and 10 deputy labor ministers. Also present were Messrs Kari Tappiola and Assane Diop, both ILO Executive Directors. A total of 12 delegations used the floor during the proceedings. The Meeting assessed the implementation of the resolutions adopted at the 2007 meeting, encouraged their further implementation and proposed new NAM initiatives in the ILO area.

C. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES BASED IN VIENNA

26/09/2006: The Cuban Permanent Representative to IAEA used the floor on behalf of NAM at a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Safeguards and Verification in the context of the IAEA Statute.

09/2006: The Cuban Permanent Representative to IAEA used the floor on behalf of NAM at the 50th session of IAEA General Conference.

22/11/2006: The Cuban Permanent Representative to IAEA used the floor on behalf of NAM at a meeting of the IAEA Cooperation and Technical Assistance Committee; in particular, during the discussion of agenda item 2: Technical Cooperation, proposed IAEA Program for 2007-2008.

23/11/2006: The Cuban Permanent Representative to IAEA used the floor on behalf of NAM at a meeting of the Board of Governors under the following agenda items: (i) Item 4(d): Director General's report on the implementation of the resolution on safeguards in regards the NPT in the Republic of Iran; and (ii) Item 4(c): Director General's report on the implementation of safeguards in the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Korea.

12/01/2007: The NAM members in IAEA held a meeting coordinated by Cuba to define strategies and possible courses of action in respect of the issues that will be discussed in the next meeting of the Board of Governors (March 2007) and in anticipation of the 1st meeting of the Preparatory Committee (April 2007) of the 8th Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty (NPT) Review Conference.

12/01/2007: The NAM Troika ambassadors met with IAEA Director General, Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, to discuss the Iranian nuclear situation, including the IAEA implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1737.

30/01/2007: The NAM members in IAEA held a meeting coordinated by Cuba to discuss and define operating guidelines for a meeting of the IAEA Safeguard and Verification Committee scheduled for February 13-14, 2007. This meeting agreed to submit a NAM declaration at the session of this Committee.

30/01/2007: The NAM members in IAEA held a meeting coordinated by Cuba to draft a NAM declaration for submission to a session of the IAEA Safeguard and Verification Committee.

2-3/03/2007: The Cuban ambassador to IAEA, in her capacity as NAM chairperson in the IAEA, joined a mission that toured some of the Iranian facilities and met with senior Iranian authorities to discuss the Iranian nuclear program. Also members of this mission were the ambassadors of Egypt and Malaysia (NAM troika members) and Algeria (chair of the IAEA Safeguard Committee), as well as the representative of the Arab League.

9/02/2007: The NAM members of IAEA held a meeting to discuss various matters of NAM interest, including the preparations for the session of the IAEA Safeguard and Verification Committee (February 13-14). This meeting agreed to present a NAM declaration to that session and coordinated the positions to speak to the agenda items of that session. The meeting also exchanged views on the NAM preparations for the meeting of the 1st meeting of the Preparatory Committee (Vienna, April 2007) of the 8th NPT Review Conference (2010).

13/02/2007: The Representative of Cuba to IAEA used the floor on behalf of NAM at a meeting of the IAEA Safeguard and Verification Committee.

- 14/02/2007: The NAM Troika ambassadors in Vienna presented a report on their Iran visit at a plenary meeting of the NAM members represented in IAEA.
- 15/02/2007: The NAM Troika ambassadors held a meeting to prepare for the session of IAEA Board of Governors scheduled for March.
- 27/02/2007: The NAM Group in IAEA held a meeting to prepare and coordinate positions for a meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors scheduled for March. This meeting agreed to work on the presentation of coordinated positions and statements on behalf of NAM under the following agenda items: (i) conclusion of resolutions on safeguards and additional protocols; (ii) Director General's report on the implementation of safeguards in the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Korea; (iii) Director General's report on the implementation of resolutions on NPT safeguards in Iran; and (iv) Report on the technical cooperation between Iran and IAEA, as established in UN Security Council Resolution 1737.
- 5/03/2007: The NAM Group in IAEA held a plenary session that adopted the NAM draft statements at the discussion of the agenda items identified at the February 27 meeting.
- 6/03/2007: The Cuban Permanent Representative to the UN Offices in Vienna used the floor on behalf of NAM at a meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors to present the NAM positions on the agenda items that had been agreed at a meeting of the NAM group held on March 5.
- 8/03/2007: The Cuban Permanent Representative to the UN Offices in Vienna used the floor on behalf of NAM at a meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors to present the NAM position in regards the statement made by the Israeli Prime Minister on the Israeli possession of nuclear weapons.
- 22/03/2007: The NAM Troika met with members of the IAEA Secretariat, including the Assistant Director General for Safeguards, to receive a report from an IAEA mission headed by its Director General, Dr. Mohamed Elbaradei, that visited the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Korea.
- 26/03/2007: The Cuban Ambassador to the International Agencies based in Geneva, in her capacity as NAM Chairperson in that venue, met with her counterpart from Indonesia, the coordinator of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and identify a course of action and prepare for the meetings of this Working Group to coordinate the NAM positions for the 1st session of the Preparatory Committee for the 8th NPT Review Conference.
- 27/03 - 5/04/2007: The NAM Vienna Chapter Working Group on Disarmament held several meetings coordinated by Indonesia to prepare the NAM positions for the 1st session of the Preparatory Committee (April 30 through May 11, 2007) of the

8th NPT Review Conference. This Working Group agreed to essentially work on the traditional Vienna issues; i.e., safeguards, peaceful use of nuclear energy, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and the Middle East nuclear weapon free zone. At its April 5 plenary session, this Working Group adopted the inputs on these topics for submission to the Coordinating Bureau (New York) that will approve the NAM working documents to the 1st session of the Preparatory Committee for the 8th NPT Review Conference.

11/06/2007: The NAM Group in IAEA held a meeting to consider and approve the NAM statements before the June session of the IAEA Board of Governors. The NAM Chapter in Vienna agreed to support the Malaysian nomination for the vacancy of Director of the Outer Space. The Cuban Chair was mandated to give notice of this support to the UN Secretary General through the Coordinating Bureau in New York.

11 - 14/06/2007: The NAM members represented in IAEA took active part in the session of the IAEA Board of Governors. In the course of the deliberations, the Cuban Chair tabled six declarations or statements on behalf of NAM, which spoke to various agenda items. The Cuban Chair of NAM also used the floor under agenda item "Other Business" to oppose a UK proposal for public disclosure of a document on new approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle circulated with restriction by the IAEA Secretariat.

9/06/2007: The Cuban Permanent Representative to IAEA used the floor on behalf of NAM at a special session of the IAEA Board of Governors, which had been convened to consider the Director General's report on monitoring and verification in the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Korea. NAM supported the course of action proposed by the IAEA Secretariat to monitor the nuclear points agreed by the six parties.

31/06/2007: The NAM Chapter in Vienna held a meeting on request from the Iranian Ambassador to IAEA who briefed the participants on the Iranian actions and efforts with the IAEA Secretariat to clarify the outstanding issues associated with the Iranian nuclear program.

31/07/2007: The NAM Chapter in Vienna held a meeting on request from the Iranian Ambassador to IAEA who briefed the participants on the Iranian actions and efforts with the IAEA Secretariat to clarify the outstanding issues associated with the Iranian nuclear program.

31/08/2007: The NAM members to IAEA held a plenary meeting to review and coordinate positions for the session of the IAEA Board of Governors and the IAEA General Conference scheduled for September 2007.

31/08/2007: The Cuban Chair of the NAM Chapter in Vienna received a Note Verbale from the Ambassador of the Arab League in this venue who requested NAM's

support for a draft resolution “Israeli Nuclear Capacities and Threats,” which would be presented at the IAEA General Conference scheduled to open on September 17.

05/09/2007: The NAM Troika in Vienna met with the IAEA Director General to exchange information on the main issues and scenarios contemplated for the IAEA General Conference and its preceding IAEA Board of Governors’ meeting.

07/09/2007: The NAM members in Vienna held a plenary session to prepare the topics for submission to the IAEA General Conference and the IAEA Board of Governors’ meeting.

13/09/2007: The Cuban Ambassador to IAEA, acting on behalf of NAM, used the floor several times at the IAEA Board of Governors’ meeting under the agenda items Application of Safeguards in the Peoples’ Democratic Republic of Korea and Application of Safeguards in the Middle East.

17-21/09/2007: During the 51st IAEA General Conference and its preceding session of the IAEA Board of Governors, NAM played an active role in relation with the treatment of the Iranian nuclear issue and renewed its welcome for the plan agreed between Iran and IAEA in August 2007.

26/09/2007: During the discussion of the Middle East at the IAEA General Conference, NAM played an active role.

26/10/2007: The Cuban Chair of the NAM Chapter in Vienna circulated to the NAM members represented at the IAEA a document submitted by the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to IAEA in his capacity as Chairman of the 2nd session of the Preparatory Committee of the 8th NPT Review Conference. This document describes the work in preparation of this meeting scheduled to be held in Geneva in May 2008.

16/11/2007: Under the Cuban Chair, the NAM Group in IAEA commenced preparation of draft statements for submission to the meeting of the Board of Governors scheduled for November.

20/11/2007: A plenary session of the NAM Group in IAEA agreed to write a letter on behalf of NAM to reject the statements by the Israeli Deputy Prime Minister against the IAEA Director General and to support the Secretariat and its Director General.

21/11/2007: The NAM Troika (Cuba, Egypt and Malaysia) in Vienna met with H.E. Mr. Antonio María Costa, Assistant Secretary General of the Vienna UN Office to discuss the session in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestine, scheduled for November 29.

- 25/11/2007: The NAM group in IAEA held a plenary session to coordinate positions for the Board of Governors' meeting.
- 26/11/2007: During the IAEA Board of Governors' meeting, the Cuban Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cuba to the Vienna UN Office used the floor on behalf of NAM under the agenda items "Director General's Report on the Implementation of Safeguards in the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Korea" and "Director General's Report on the Implementation of Safeguards in the Islamic Republic of Iran."
- 10/01/2008: The Cuban Embassy in Vienna, in its capacity as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement Chapter in that venue, circulated a Note Verbale among the Non Aligned countries accredited to Vienna, enclosing the letter sent by the Coordinating Bureau in New York to the Head of the Liaison Office of the European Union Council with regards to a meeting on disarmament convened by the chief of the European diplomacy.
- 18/01/2008: The Troika of the Non-Aligned Movement in Vienna met with the Iranian ambassador, who reported on the results of the visit made by the IAEA Director General to his country in January 2008.
- 22/01/2008: The Troika of the Non-Aligned Movement in Vienna met with the IAEA Director General in order to exchange views on the latter's visit to Iran in January 2008.
- 25/01/2008: A plenary meeting was held by the Non Aligned Group at the IAEA, where the following crucial issues were discussed: A report was made on the issues discussed with the IAEA Director General related to his visit to Iran; the Chairman of the Second PREPCOM for the Eighth NPT Review Conference conveyed his interest in being invited to attend the following plenary meeting of the Non Aligned Group to address certain questions related to the aforementioned PREPCOM session.
- 30/01/2008: The Cuban Embassy in Vienna, in its capacity as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement Chapter in that venue, followed up on the agreements adopted at the meetings of the Non Aligned Movement Working Group on Disarmament held in New York, specially with regards to the invitation conveyed to the Ambassador of Ukraine to Vienna (Chairman of the Second PREPCOM for the Eighth NPT Review Conference) to meet with this Group.
- 15/02/2008: Meeting between the Ambassador of Cuba to the IAEA, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Non Aligned Movement Chapter at that venue, and Ambassador V. Yelchenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine, in his capacity as Chairman of the Second PREPCOM for the Eighth NPT Review Conference.

- 22/02/2008: Plenary meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement Chapter in Vienna to coordinate the positions to be adopted by the Movement at the IAEA Board of Governors session due to begin on March 3. The Iranian Ambassador made a presentation on the nuclear issue in his country. It was agreed that as soon as the Director General's Report on the *Implementation of the Safeguards Agreements in the Islamic Republic of Iran* is published, the Non Aligned Countries Group, presided over by Cuba, would study the Report and prepare a draft statement to be made on behalf of the Movement during the Board of Governors session.
- 25/02/2008: A Non Aligned Countries Group meeting at the experts' level was held in Vienna in order to prepare the statements to be made at the Board of Governors meeting on behalf of the Movement.
- 26/02/2008: Meeting of the Troikas of the Non Aligned Movement and of the European Union in the context of the IAEA in order to exchange views on certain issues that would be discussed during the Board of Governors session.
- 26/02/2008: Meeting in Vienna between the Non Aligned Movement Troika and the Deputy Director General for Safeguards in order to exchange views about some of the issues to be discussed at the Board of Governors session.
- 27/02/2008: Meeting of the Non Aligned Countries Group at the experts' level at the IAEA in order to continue negotiating the statements that will be made on behalf of the Movement at the Board of Governors session, particularly the one related to the Iranian nuclear issue.
- 28/02/2008: Meeting between the Cuban Ambassador to the IAEA and her Iranian counterpart so as to continue to exchange views and make arrangements with regards to the statement made by the Movement on the Iranian nuclear issue at the IAEA Board of Governors.
- 29/02/2008: Plenary meeting of the Non Aligned Countries Group at the IAEA where all the draft statements to be made by the Movement at the IAEA Board of Governors due to begin on Monday, March 3, were approved.
- 3-7/03/2008: During the IAEA Board of Governors session held in March, the Non Aligned Movement played an active role, particularly with regards to the Iranian nuclear issue, including several statements.
- 6/03/2008: Plenary meeting of the Non Aligned Countries Group at the IAEA. A great number of statements were made at the meeting, most of them in support of the idea that there should not be a resolution on the Iranian nuclear issue submitted to the consideration of the Board of Governors. The decision was made that Cuba would inform the European Union Troika and the Chairman of the Board about this decision adopted by the Non Aligned Movement.

- 26/03/2008: A meeting of the Non Aligned Movement Troika was held at the IAEA to discuss the preparations of the Second PREPCOM for the Eighth NPT Review Conference. At this meeting the documents to be submitted by the Movement to that PREPCOM session were examined.
- 11-15/04/2008: Several meetings of the Non Aligned Countries Group were held at the IAEA, presided over by the Permanent Representative of Indonesia (in his capacity as coordinator of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non Aligned Movement) in order to analyze the convenience of either updating, previous to the Second PREPCOM for the Eighth NPT Review Conference, the working documents submitted by the Movement to the First PREPCOM (2007) on the main subjects of interest of Vienna (Nuclear tests, Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones, the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy, Regional Affairs, Safeguards and Verification), or work out further inputs.
- 23/05/2008: A plenary meeting of the Non Aligned Countries Group was held at the IAEA to start making the preparations for the participation of the Group at the Board of Governors session to be held on June.
- 23/05/2008: A meeting took place between the Non Aligned Movement Troika in Vienna and the Chairman of the IAEA Board of Governors (Chile) in order to exchange views on the main issues to be discussed by the Board of Governors in June.
- 29/05/2008: A Non Aligned Movement Group plenary meeting took place at the IAEA, where the declaration of the Movement with regards to the IAEA safeguards implementation report of 2007 was approved, and the declaration on the implementation of safeguards in Iran was partially approved. Only a few paragraphs remained pending of further consultations. At that same meeting, the Indonesian ambassador, in his capacity as Coordinator of Non Aligned Movement Working Group on Disarmament, summarized the results of the Second PREPCOM for the Eighth NPT Review Conference, which was held in Geneva early on May 2008. The talking points used by the Ambassador were circulated by the Cuban Chair among all members of the Non Aligned Movement Chapter in Vienna.
- 26-30/05/2008: In the context of the Non Aligned Movement Working Group created for this purpose, progress was further achieved in the drafting of the statements to be made by the Movement at the IAEA Board of Governors session of June 2008, particularly with regards to the statement on the Iranian nuclear issue.
- 2/06/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to the IAEA made a statement on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement at the Board of Governors about the report issued by the agency on the implementation of safeguards in 2007.

3/06/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to the IAEA made a statement on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement at the Board of Governors about the implementation of the safeguards agreements of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and of the relevant provisions of resolutions 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007) and 1803 (2008) of the United Nations Security Council in Iran. The Cuban representative reiterated, among other elements, the main positions expressed by the Heads of States and of Governments of the Movement on this issue during the Fourteenth Summit held in Havana in 2006, and emphasized what was repeatedly stated by the IAEA Director General, in the sense that the Agency could verify that the materials declared by Iran had not been diverted, and the fact that Iran facilitated the access by the IAEA to the materials it had declared.

6/06/2008: The Non Aligned Movement Troika in Vienna met with the representatives of the Arab League at their request, who handed over a copy of the text of the draft resolution on Israel's nuclear capabilities, which should be submitted to the IAEA General Conference by September 2008.

D. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (OPCW), THE HAGUE

5/12/2006: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the OPCW made a statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in the 11th Conference of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

5/12/2006: A proposal was presented on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries represented in the OPCW to contribute to promote the implementation of Article XI of the CWC, included in the Final Report of the 11th Conference of States Parties

22/02/2007: A meeting took place, at the level of Ambassadors, of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the OPCW with a view to address a number of issues related to the participation of the Movement in the 48th session of the Executive Council of the Organization, including the presentation of a statement on behalf of the Group.

13/03/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the OPCW, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, made a statement during the 48th session of the Executive Council of this Organization, presenting the positions of the Non-Aligned Countries on fundamental issues under discussion, such as: compliance with the programs for the destruction of chemical weapons by certain States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, according to the provisions of the Convention; and international cooperation for the peaceful use of chemicals and technology in this field.

- 23/03/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the OPCW made a statement on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries in that venue, during the 6th meeting of the open-ended consultations for the preparation of the 2nd Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- 7/06/2007: A meeting of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the OPCW took place, at the level of Ambassadors, to approach a number of issues of interest, in particular the preparations of the Group for the 49th session of the Executive Council of the OPCW.
- 19/06/2007: The delegation of Cuba took part on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in the 8th Meeting of the open-ended Working Group for the preparation of the 2nd Review Conference of the CWC, devoted to consider Articles X and XI of this Convention. The importance of the decision taken at the 10th Conference of States Parties concerning the full implementation of Article XI of the CWC (on international cooperation) was reaffirmed.
- 18/06 to 20/06/2007: Several meetings and rounds of consultations among the members of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the OPCW took place, to prepare, negotiate and agree on the statement delivered by the Non-Aligned Movement Chair during the general debate of the 49th Executive Council of the OPCW, held from 26 to 29 June, 2007.
- 26/06 to 29/06/2007: The delegation of Cuba made a statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in the framework of the 49th Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW. The Group participated actively in the discussions and negotiations on the issues of International Cooperation (Article XI), Inspection under Article VI, UN-OPCW High Level Meeting, and in the preparation of the Report on agenda item 5g) Destruction of Chemical Weapons.
- 12/07/2007: Within the framework of the first informal consultation convened by the Facilitator of the Permanent Representation of China for the item "Full Implementation of Article XI on Economic and Technological Development", the Cuban delegation, in its capacity of Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, reiterated its support for a gradual approach, identifying priorities and seeking consensus positions
- 20/07/2007: Consultations were held within the framework of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries represented in the OPCW to prepare the Non-Aligned Movement positions for the High Level Meeting to Commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Convention, to be held in New York, on 27 September 2007.
- 30/07/2007: The Group of Non-Aligned Countries represented in the OPCW negotiated and agreed on the proposals of amendments to the Draft Declaration of the High Level Meeting to Commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Convention. The

amendments were sent to the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, as an input for the negotiation to be continued in that venue, where the High Level Meeting will be held.

2/08/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the OPCW, as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement Chapter in that venue, sent a letter to the Chair of the Executive Council of the OPCW, requesting the inclusion of a new item in the Agenda of the 50th session of the Council regarding the “frequency of inspections”.

7/09/2007: The Non Aligned countries which are States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention actively negotiated a series of amendments to the draft Declaration for the High Level Meeting to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the OPCW to be held on September 27 in New York.

17-21/9/2007: The Group of Non Aligned countries represented in the OPCW had an active participation at the 50th session of the Executive Council of the Organization, made a statement during the general debate and submitted concrete proposals on several items of the Agenda.

11/10/2007: As part of the preparations to participate in the XII Conference of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), the Non Aligned Group met with the facilitator (China) on the implementation of Article XI of the Convention (International Cooperation).

25/10/2007: Meeting of the Non Aligned Group plus China at the OPCW in order to exchange views and concert the positions of the Group previous to the 12th Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention to be held from November 5 to 9, 2007.

30/10/2007: The Cuban delegation on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in the OPCW, made some general statements and intervened on several occasions in order to particularize on some specific questions during the informal consultations that were held with regards to Articles VII (destruction of chemical weapons) and XI (international cooperation) of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

27/11/2007: In the context of the 51st Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW, the Cuban Ambassador to that Organization made a statement on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement and China.

7-9/11/2007: In the framework of the general debate of the 12th Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Cuban representative delivered a statement on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement thereby stating the positions of the Movement regarding the main subjects which are the focus of attention of the Conference.

- 12/12/2007: In the framework of the last meeting of the year of the Open Ended Group of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Non Aligned Group plus China presented a Joint Declaration based on their traditional positions.
- 16/01/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to the OPCW, in his capacity as Chair of the Non Aligned Movement Chapter at that venue, convened a consultation with the Non Aligned Countries Group in order to concert positions previous to the meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparations of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- 29/01/2008: Plenary meeting of the Group of Non Aligned Countries in the OPCW to concert positions for the preparations of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention, particularly the analysis of the draft agenda of the Conference.
- 8/02/2008: Plenary meeting of the Group of Non Aligned Countries in the OPCW. An agreement was reached on the future course of action during the 18th Session of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparations of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- 13/02/2008: Plenary meeting of the Group of Non Aligned Countries in the OPCW in order to discuss some general affairs as well as the Agenda of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention, taking into account the document that was circulated by the Chairman of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparations of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- 15/02/2008: The meeting of the Group of Non Aligned Countries in the OPCW agreed to convey to the Chairman of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparations of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Non Aligned Movement dissatisfaction over the way in which the Draft Agenda of the Second Review Conference of the Convention, that was not agreed by consensus, was submitted to the Technical Secretariat, which violated the principle of the Open-Ended Working Group of working on the basis of consensus.
- 18-20/02/2008: Several negotiation sessions were held both within the Non Aligned Movement and between the Non Aligned Movement and the rest of the delegation of the countries members of the OPCW regarding the Agenda of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). Thanks to the active participation of the Non Aligned Movement, progress was made on the shaping of the Agenda of the Review Conference.

- 29/02/2008: The statement delivered by Cuba on behalf of the Movement during the 52nd Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW, which was held from March 4 to 7, 2008, was circulated among all member countries and observers of the Non Aligned Movement.
- 4/03/2008: During the 52nd Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW, the Cuban delegation made an intervention on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement.
- 10-14/03/2008: The Non Aligned Movement Chapter in the OPCW worked thoroughly to draft the preliminary comments on the consolidated document of the Chairman of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparations of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), which were presented to the meeting of said Group that was held on Thursday, March 13. The impact of this Non Aligned Movement position was beneficial for the negotiating process.
- 27/03/2008: The Cuban delegation, in its capacity as Coordinator of the Group of Non Aligned Countries in the OPCW circulated a proposed Political Declaration to be presented by the Non Aligned Movement at the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) that will take place on April 7 to 18, 2008.
- 28/03/2008: An informal consultation within the Non Aligned Group in the OPCW was held in order to discuss the new version of the text of the Chairman of the Open-Ended Working Group for the preparations of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention. Afterwards, on that same day, the Cuban delegation issued a statement on behalf of the Non Aligned Group at the aforementioned Working Group.
- 31/03-4/04/2008: The Group of Non Aligned Countries in the OPCW held several rounds of consultations and negotiations in order to conclude the Declaration to be presented by Cuba, on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement, during the general debate of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) that will take place on April 7 to 18, 2008. Likewise, several working documents that will also be presented on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement on various subjects of interest for the Non Aligned countries, which will be discussed during the Conference, were also concluded.
- 7/04/2008: The Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and the Environment of the Republic of Cuba, Dr. José A. Díaz Duque, who headed the Cuban delegation to the Second Review Conference of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, addressed the plenary of that Conference on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement and China.
- 08/04/2008: A meeting took place between the Non Aligned Movement countries and China in the context of the Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons

Convention, where the consolidated text that was negotiated by the Non Aligned Movement and China was presented. This document contained the concrete proposals made by the Movement with regards to the draft Final Declaration of the Review Conference.

11-18/04/2008: The Non Aligned Group in the OPCW had a very active participation in the works and negotiations of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention. After a complex negotiation process, the Conference successfully concluded on April 18 with the adoption of the Final Declaration. The Non Aligned Movement presented three working documents, and was an active and key interlocutor during the whole consultation and negotiation process.

E. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN OTHER DISARMAMENT FORA

20/11/2006: The Permanent Representative of Cuba in Geneva took part, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries that are States Parties in the BWC and other States, in the general debate of the Sixth Review Conference of the States Parties to this Convention.

20/11 to 8/12/2006: During the Sixth Review Conference of the BWC, the Non Aligned Group remained very active throughout the whole process of consultations and negotiations, which included the presentation of concrete proposals as a contribution to the debate and to the decision-making process. The following documents were negotiated and presented on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement : 1) Resolution on the application of Article X of the Convention, related to the international cooperation in the field of the biotechnological activities for peaceful purposes, 2) Plan of Action on the implementation of Article X of the BWC; 3) Proposal of an ad hoc intersessional mechanism to be established between the 6th and 7th Review Conferences and 4) preliminary Comments on Article 1 of the BWC, to be included in the Final Declaration of the Conference.

3/08/2006: A meeting of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries that are States Parties to the BWC was held with the Chair of the meeting of governmental experts of the Biological Weapons Convention, H.E. Mr. Masood Khan, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan in Geneva, as part of the preparations for the meeting to take place from 20 to 24 August 2007.

20/08/2006: The delegation of Cuba, as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, made a statement in the Meeting of Governmental Experts of the Biological Weapons Convention on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries and other States Parties to this Convention.

- 29/01/2007: A meeting of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries that are States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) was held with the designated Chair of the First Preparatory Committee of the 2010 Review Conference of this Treaty, the Ambassador of Japan to the IAEA (Vienna). The objective of the Meeting was to exchange views and to carry out consultations regarding the mentioned session of the Preparatory Committee, which took place in Vienna, in April 2007.
- 30/01/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba in Geneva took part in the inaugural session of the 2007 session of the Conference on Disarmament. The publication as an official document of the Conference of the Chapter entitled "Disarmament and International Security" of the Final Document adopted by the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement was requested.
- 7/02/2007: The Permanent Mission of Cuba in Geneva, as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, circulated to the Non-Aligned Countries in that venue the Declaration of the NAM Coordinating Bureau on the Statement by the Israeli Prime Minister in relation to the possession of nuclear weapons by Israel. In addition, it was requested that this Declaration be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.
- 26/04/2007: A plenary session of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the IAEA took place to inform on the main progress and outstanding elements in the Coordinating Bureau in New York, regarding the Non-Aligned Movement's participation in the First PREPCOM of the 8th Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
- 30/04/2007: The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the IAEA took part, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries, which are States Parties to the NPT, in the General Debate of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee of the 8th Review Conference of this Treaty.
- 30/04/2007: The delegation of Cuba requested to the Secretariat that the working papers of the Non-Aligned Countries be circulated as official documents of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee of 8th Review Conference of the NPT. The documents made reference on working procedures; nuclear disarmament; verification; safeguards; regional questions; nuclear weapons free zones; security assurances to the non-nuclear States and peaceful use of nuclear energy.
- 30/04/ to 11/05/2007: Several meetings and sessions of consultations of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries that are States Parties to the NPT took place in the context of the First Session of the PREPCOM of the 8th Review Conference of this Treaty, in Vienna. The Movement agreed common positions on several issues under discussion in the framework of the First Session of the PREPCOM. In addition, during the working sessions of the PREPCOM, the Cuban delegation,

on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries that are States Parties to the NPT, made the statements to present several working documents containing the positions of the Non-Aligned Countries on the issues of the Agenda.

16/07/2007: The delegation of Malaysia took part, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries, Parties to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), in the informal consultations held in Vienna on the implementation of Article XIV of the Treaty.

17-18/9/2007: Statement by the delegation of Malaysia, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries, in the general debate of the Conference on the Implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

14/11/2007: The Group of the Non Aligned countries Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention met with the Ambassador from Pakistan, Mr. Massod Khan, Chairman of the BWC meetings of 2007, with the purpose of exchanging information about the Meeting of States Parties to be held on December 10 to 14, 2007 in Geneva.

16/11/2007: The Group of the Non Aligned countries in Vienna, under the coordination of Malaysia, was very active during the meeting of the Preparatory Committee (PREPCOM) of the CTBTO held from 12 to 16 November. The Group made a Declaration during the general debate, and negotiated the inclusion of the Non Aligned Movement positions in the final document.

16/11/2007: The Non Aligned countries which are Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention held a meeting with the Ambassador from Pakistan, Mr. Massod Khan, who chaired the meetings of the BWC during 2007, with the purpose of offering information about the Meeting of States Parties to be held on December 10 to 14, 2007. The main issues addressed were those related to the national implementation of the Convention and the regional and sub-regional cooperation for the implementation of that Treaty.

10/12/07: The Cuban Ambassador to Geneva made a statement on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement during the general debate of the Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention.

16/01/2008: In the context of the Meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, the Non Aligned countries Parties to the Convention met in order to coordinate the positions of the Movement with regards to procedural matters and the organization of the works for the Experts Group sessions during 2008.

F. The Non-Aligned Movement in UNESCO

12/03/2007: The Official Ceremony for the reactivation of the Non-Aligned Movement in UNESCO took place, with the presence of H.E. Mr. Felipe Perez Roque, Minister

of Foreign Affairs of Cuba. The ceremony was attended by a large number of representatives of the countries members and observers of the Non-Aligned Movement. 96 members countries were present at the meeting from the 118, 9 of the 15 observer countries and one observer organization, the League of Arab States. In the ceremony, a Declaration was adopted on the reactivation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries in UNESCO.

16/04/2007: The Statement Ambassador of Cuba to UNESCO, on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries in UNESCO, in the Special Session of the Executive Council, convened at the request of the Arab Group to consider the works of excavation that Israel is illegally carrying out in the Old City of Jerusalem, included in the list of UNESCO world patrimony in danger.

15/06/2007: The Coordinating Meeting of the Group of Non-Aligned Movement countries in UNESCO took place at the level of Ambassadors.

7/09/2007: The Chair of Non-Aligned Group in the UNESCO, met with UNESCO's Assistant Director General for External Relations, Mr. Ahmed Sayyad, to inform him about the results of the Non Aligned Movement Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity held in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, on September 3 and 4, 2007.

7/09/2007: The Chair of the Non Aligned Group in UNESCO circulated among all members the invitation and the agenda of the Plenary Meeting to be held on September 14, 2007.

14/09/2007: The Third Plenary Meeting of the Non Aligned Group in UNESCO discussed the results of the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity held in Tehran on September 3 and 4, 2007 as well as the possible actions by the Movement during the 34th General Conference of UNESCO to be held on October 2007.

20/09/2007: At the request of the Chair of the Non Aligned Group in UNESCO, the Declaration and the Program of Action adopted at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity was circulated in UNESCO as an official document of that Organization.

20/09/2007: The Non Aligned Group in UNESCO decided to welcome the initiative promoted by numerous international personalities to propose the Bolivian President, Evo Morales Ayma, as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

25/02/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to UNESCO met with the Chair of the G-77, the Ambassador of Madagascar to that Organization. The purpose of the meeting was to move forward on the establishment of a permanent coordination mechanism between the Non Aligned Movement and the G-77 to address a

series of different topics or processes of common interest for both groups within UNESCO.

7-14/03/2008: The Chair of the Non Aligned Group in UNESCO circulated among all member and observer countries of the Movement accredited to that Organization the Agenda of the plenary meeting of the Group to take place on March 28.

27/03/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to UNESCO met with the Chairman of the 179th session of the Executive Council, the Ambassador of Benin, with the purpose of informing him about the agenda and the main objectives of the Non Aligned Group meeting in UNESCO to be held on March 28.

28/3/2008: A plenary meeting of the Non Aligned countries in UNESCO was attended by 90 representatives from 60 countries. At this meeting, the Non Aligned Caucus was created in the Executive Council of UNESCO. A review was made of the operational working structures of the Movement aiming at its full reactivation within this Organization. The meeting continues coordinating and adopting positions to implement different actions on behalf of the Movement during the 179th Executive Council of UNESCO to be held on April.

31/03 – 4/04/2008: The Group of Non Aligned countries in UNESCO was very active and held several consultations and meetings of specific working groups established to negotiate and adopt, by consensus, several concrete proposals or initiatives aimed at their presentation, on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement, during the 179th session of the Executive Council of the Organization.

7/04/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to UNESCO, accompanied by his Iranian counterpart, met with the Deputy Director General of UNESCO for Social and Human Sciences, Mr. Pierre Sané, to explain him the objectives pursued with the draft decision presented by the Group with regards to the Tehran Declaration on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, taking into account the fact that this issue falls within its framework..

8/04/2004: A meeting of the Non Aligned Caucus was held in the Executive Council of UNESCO to design the negotiating strategy with regards to the draft decision presented by the NAM regarding the Declaration of Tehran on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, given the opposition showed by certain groups of countries regarding this initiative.

10/04/2008: A meeting of the Executive Council of UNESCO was held to analyze the draft decision presented by the Non Aligned Movement regarding the Declaration of Tehran on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity.

11-15/04/2008: The Non Aligned Group was very active in the 179th Meeting of UNESCO. It adopted and presented two Declarations and a draft Decision on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity to the Executive Council: The Declaration

on the Protection of Indigenous Endangered Languages and Declaration on the Situation of Eastern Jerusalem and other Arab Occupied Territories, in terms of those aspects which fall within UNESCO's framework.

- 23/04/2008: During a meeting with the Group of 77 and China, this organization, the Vice presidents of the Regional Groups of the Executive Council (India, South Africa, Brazil and Egypt) presented a summary of the most important outcomes of the 179th session of the Executive Council of UNESCO. In that context, they stressed the relevance of the adoption of a decision on the issue of Cultural Diversity and Human Rights, based on an initiative presented by the Non Aligned Movement, thus recognizing the unity maintained by the Group of Non Aligned countries during the works of the Executive Council.
- 23/5/2008: The Non Aligned Working Group on Information and Communication, coordinated by Venezuela, was created in UNESCO. The first initiative of this Group was to draft the message of the NAM Group in UNESCO to the Seventh Conference of Ministers of Information of the Non Aligned Movement (COMINAC VII) to be held on July 2 to 4, 2008, in Isla Margarita, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
- 29/05/2008: The Non Aligned Working Group on Information and Communication held meeting to prepare the draft message of the NAM Group in UNESCO to COMINAC VII.
- 30/05/2008: The Non Aligned Group in UNESCO sent a letter to the Deputy Director General for Social and Human Sciences of the Organization to convey NAM proposal of organizing a round table with the contributions made by the countries of the South on the issue of cultural diversity and human rights, in the framework of the Plan of Action of UNESCO, for the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 3/06/2008: The Non Aligned Group in UNESCO approved the message to the NAM Seventh Conference of Ministers of Information (COMINAC VII), which that was formally sent to the Coordinating Bureau of the Non Aligned Movement in New York.
- 9/06/2008: The Non Aligned Working Group on Cultural Diversity and Human Rights was created as part of the mechanisms of the Non Aligned Chapter in UNESCO.
- 5/06/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to UNESCO met with the Deputy Director General for External Relations and Cooperation of that Organization to inform him about the work done by the Non Aligned Movement Group in this organization.
- 12/06/2008: The Cuban Embassy to UNESCO, in its capacity as Chair of the Non Aligned Movement in this Organization, sent to the member and observer countries of the NAM Group of this Organization a Note Verbale asking for their

contributions to the Report that will be presented by the Director General of UNESCO regarding the activities that each member State may have carried out in its respective country in terms of human rights and cultural diversity.

G. NAM MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

1. NAM MINISTERIAL MEETING ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

29/05/2007: The Permanent Representatives of Cuba in Geneva, in his capacity of Chair of the NAM, circulated, at the request of Iran, documents proposed by this country to be adopted at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity to be held in Tehran. It also calls for a meeting of the Nam working groups to negotiated the document under coordination of Iran and Cuba as host country and the Chair of the NAM, respectively. The group agree to me on a weekly basis with the end of concluding the negotiation process by the end of July. Thus, during the month of July, several negotiations sessions were held in the above mentioned working group.

22/6/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated a Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran among NAM member and observer countries, on the negotiation of the documents that would be adopted at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity.

1/08/2007: The proposal for the Final Document and Action Programme to be adopted at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity was approved at the level of experts in Geneva. The same document was approved by Ambassadors on August 2 with the aim to send it to the Coordinating Bureau in New York.

27/7 to 10/8 de 2007: The NAM Chair of the Coordinating Bureau in New York distributed the letters of invitation from His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque to his counterparts in the NAM, urging them to participate in the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity which would be held in Tehran Iran, on September 3 and 4, 2007.

14/8/2007: At the request of the Iranian delegation, the Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated the documents related to logistical and organizational questions of the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity which would be held in Tehran Iran, on September 3 and 4, 2007.

14/8/2007: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau in New York circulated the version, approved by the Ambassadors level, of the draft of Declaration and Action Programme of the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity.

14/8/2007: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau in New York circulated a Note Verbale to the Movement member and observer countries, reminding of the invitation to participate in the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity.

3-4/9/2007: The Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity was successfully held, attended by delegations of more than 100 NAM member and observer countries; of these, 46 were represented on the ministerial level. As a result of the Meeting, the Declaration and Action Programme on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity was adopted on September 4, a document previously negotiated in Geneva and approved by the Coordinating Bureau in New York. Also, two Special Declarations were adopted: One on the humanitarian attempts by the President of Venezuela in Colombia, and the other welcoming the candidature of Nicaragua to the Presidency of the 63rd Session of the UNGA, starting in September 2008.

5/9/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau in New York circulated the speech given by His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, on behalf of the NAM Chair, during the Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, held in Tehran, Iran, on September 3 to 4, 2007.

5/9/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau in New York circulated the Teheran Declaration and Action Programme adopted at the NAM Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights and Cultural Diversity to all the delegations of NAM member and observer countries. At the request of the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, this Declaration was published as an official UNGA document with the symbol A/62/464.

2. MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NAM COORDINATING BUREAU WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE 62ND SESSION OF THE UNGA

27/7/2007: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau circulated the Verbal Note NAM/220/2007 which informs that as a result of the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau which would be held on September 28, 2007, there will be no negotiated document, but a factual summary by the Chairman on the interactive debate which would take place during the above-mentioned Ministerial Meeting.

15-20/8/2007: The Chair of the NAM Coordinating Bureau distributed the letters of invitation of His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, to his NAM counterparts, to participate in the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau within the framework of the high-level segment of the 62nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

- 4/9/2007: In accordance with established practice, the NAM Chair sent a letter to the UN Secretary General, formally inviting him to the opening ceremony of the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau.
- 20/9/2007: The provisional agenda for the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, in the context of the high-level segment of the 62nd Session of the UNGA was circulated it to NAM members.
- 25/9/2007: Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Troika was held in New York, with the organization of other ministerial meetings to be held by the Movement during the high-level segment of the 62nd Session of the UNGA.
- 25/9/2007: Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Committee on Palestine, was held in New York, which approved a Declaration regarding this subject. The Palestinian delegation offered up-to-date information on the situation and the latest events in Palestinian Occupied Territory, including East Jerusalem.
- 25/9/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to its members the Declaration on Palestine adopted at the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Committee on Palestine. At the request of the Chair, this Declaration was published as an official UNGA and Security Council document under the symbol of A/62/368-S/2007/581.
- 26/9/2007: Ministerial Meeting in New York between the Troikas of the NAM and the European Union was held in the context of high level segments of the end session of the UNGA. Subjects dealt with were: 1) Situation in the Middle East, including the Palestine question; 2) Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and International Security (including the Iranian nuclear subject); 3) UN Reform Process, including System-wide Coherence; 4) Human Rights Council; 5) Implementation of the UN Strategy for Fighting Terrorism; 6) Alliance of Civilizations; 7) International Criminal Court.
- 27/9/2007: NAM Presidency assisted by the Troika and the Russian federation had a Ministerial in the context of the high level segment of the 62nd session of the UNGA. Subjects dealt with were: 1) Situation in the Middle East, including the Palestine question; 2) Disarmament and International Security (including the Iranian nuclear subject); 3) Human Rights Council; 4) UN Institutional Reforms Process; 5) Strengthening the NAM Caucus in the UN Security Council.
- 28/9/2007: Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, was held present at the opening ceremony were the UN Secretary General His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon and the Chairman of the 62nd Session of the UNGA, His Excellency Mr. Srgjan Kerim, who delivered important speeches. The Cuban Minister presented a report on activities developed during the Cuban Chairmanship of the NAM since the Fourteenth Summit held in September 2006. Likewise, he offered

information about other ministerial meetings that involved the Movement during the high-level of the 62nd Session of the UNGA. During the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau an interactive debate was held on the subject of “Concrete Measures to Strengthen NAM Capacity for Action”, which brought concrete ideas and proposals that were very useful to continue the Movement-s revitalization and strengthening process. As a final activity, Minister Felipe Pérez Roque held a reception, in his capacity as NAM Chairman.

1/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, distributed the following documents to all the delegations of NAM member and observer countries: Report on the Work of the NAM Chair from September 2006 to September 2007; Chair Summary of the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau on September 28, 2007; and, the speech given by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba at said Meeting.

5/10/2007: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, by Verbal Note, distributed to all NAM member and observer countries the speech given by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Pérez Roque at the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, held on September 28, 2007, as well as the report on the work of the NAM Chair since the Fourteenth Summit in September 2006, until September 10, 2007.

3. SECOND NAM BUSINESS FORUM

19/10/2007 A meeting was held at the Cuban Chancellery with all Ambassadors (or their representatives) of NAM member and observer countries accredited in Havana, with the aim of providing them with information about the organization of the Business Forum, the level of confirmed participation up to that date and a detailed explanation about the Event Programme.

25/10/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated a Note Verbale reminding the NAM delegations of the date and the headquarters for the Second Business Forum of the Non-Aligned Movement.

2-3/11/2007: The Second NAM Business Forum was successfully held at the Havana Convention Centre, with the participation of delegations from 42 countries, among which were 200 business people, 16 personalities and 17 foreign guests. A debate on subjects of interest for the non-aligned countries was held dealing with areas of trade, investments and South-South cooperation, as well as a round of negotiations between participating business people.

16/11/2007: As had been announced by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, a Note Verbale was circulated to its membership which contained information about the principal outcomes of the Second NAM Business Forum which took place on November 2 and 3, 2007, in Havana.

4. MEETING OF NAM HEALTH MINISTERS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

25/01/2008: The Cuban Ambassador to the UN Office in Geneva, in his capacity as NAM Chairman at this headquarters, sent a letter to H.E. Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General of the WHO, in which he informed of the meeting of NAM Health Ministers that would be held on May 20, 2008, within the framework of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly (WHA). The official invitation to participate in the Ministerial Meeting was also sent to her.

4/02/2008: A meeting was held between the Ambassador of Cuba in Geneva and the Director General of the WHO in order exchange views on NAM Ministers of Health Meeting. Dr. Chan stated she was aware of the importance of NAM and accepted the invitation to participate in the Meeting.

25/02/2008: The Permanent Cuban Mission in Geneva sent copies of the letters of invitation of the Minister of Health of Cuba, His Excellency Dr. José R. Balaguer, to his counterparts in the Movement member and observer countries to participate in the Meeting of NAM Health Ministers within the framework of the 61st WHA, to the missions of NAM member and observer countries accredited at this headquarters.

4/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau distributed to its membership the letters of invitation sent by His Excellency Mr, José Ramón Balaguer Cabrera, Minister of Public Health of Cuba, to his counterparts in the NAM member would observer countries for the meeting of NAM Ministers of Health, which will take place within the framework of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly in May, in Geneva.

14/03/2008: The Permanent Cuban Representative at the UN Office in Geneva received a letter from H.E. Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General of the World Health Organization, in which she replies positively to the invitation sent by the Minister of Public Health of Cuba, Dr. José Ramón Balaguer Cabrera, to participate in the Meeting of NAM Health Ministers that would be held in Geneva on May 21, 2008.

21/05/2008: The Meeting of NAM Health Ministers took place in Geneva within the framework of the Sixty-first Session of the World Health Assembly. The meeting was presided over by Dr. José Ramón Balaguer Cabrera, Minister of Public Health of the Republic of Cuba. More than 80 delegations of Movement member and observer countries took part. Of these, 46 were represented by Ministers of Health, and 4 by Deputy Ministers. Two Declarations were adopted by consensus, on "Migration and Training of Qualified Health Personnel" and "Diseases Disproportionately Affecting Developing Countries". Both reflected Movement positions on the subjects in question. On the other hand, the ministers decided to consider, at a later date, and in the shortest period of time

possible, a Declaration on the subject of avian flu, virus exchange and other benefits, starting from a proposal by the Indonesian delegation.

19/06/2008: Within the WHO, NAM, coordinated by Cuba in its capacity as Chair of the Movement, began the first round of negotiations of the Declaration proposal presented by Indonesia regarding avian flu, virus exchange and other benefits.

24/06/2008: In a NAM expert level meeting, the text of the Declaration proposed by Indonesia on avian flu, virus exchange and other benefits was adopted ad referendum.

27/06/2008: The NAM Ambassadors adopted the Declaration presented by Indonesia on avian flu, virus exchange and other benefits, thus complying with the mandate established by the NAM Ministers of Health when they met during the Sixty-first World Health Assembly.

5. NAM MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE

17/05/2007: A Meeting at the expert level of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries met in the ILO with the aim of beginning considerations and negotiations of the Declaration projects on the Working Methods of the Committee to Apply Norms and on the Expansion of the Committee on Trade Union Freedom, which will be presented for their adoption during the Meeting of NAM Labour Ministers within the context of the Ninety-sixth International Labour Conference.

12/06/2007: The Meeting of the NAM Ministers of Labour took place within the framework of the Ninety-sixth International Labour Conference. At said meeting two declarations were adopted: 1) NAM Declaration on the subject of Working Methods of the Commission to Apply Norms, and 2) NAM Declaration on the subject of "Broadening Membership in the Committee for Trade Union Freedom".

16-20/5/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, distributed letters of invitation from His Excellency Mr. Alfredo Morales Cartaya, Minister of Labour of Cuba, to his counterparts in the NAM member and observer countries, inviting them to participate in the Meeting of NAM Labour Ministers which would take place on June 10, 2008, in Geneva, in the framework of the Ninety-seventh International Trade Conference.

28/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated for the information of the member delegations the provisional agenda for the meeting of the NAM Ministers of Labour which would take place in Geneva on June 10, 2008.

10/06/2008: The Meeting of the NAM Labour Ministers took place in the context of the Ninety-seventh International Trade Conference. Delegations from 80 Movement

member and observer countries took part in the meeting. Of these, 31 were represented by their Ministers of Labour and 10 by their Deputy Ministers. Also present were Kari Tappiola and Assane Diop, both Executive Directors of the International Labour Organization. A total of 12 delegations took part in the debate. The Meeting served as a framework to evaluate the application of agreements adopted at the 2007 meeting, to continue promoting compliance, and to propose new initiatives on behalf of NAM in the sphere of the ILO.

6. SEVENTH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF INFORMATION OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES (COMINAC-VII)

22/2/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the UN, expressing its willingness to organize the Seventh Conference of Ministers of Information of the Non-Aligned Countries (COMINAC-VII), in the Isla Margarita, on July 2 – 4, 2008.

10/04/2008: The Chair of the CoB, in New York, distributed letters of invitation from His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba to his counterparts of the NAM member and observer countries, urging them to participate in the Seventh Conference of Ministers of Information of Non-Aligned Countries (COMINAC-VII), to take place on the Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, from the 2nd to the 4th of July, 2008. The letter requested that the invitation be extended to Ministries of Information of the non-aligned countries. Copies of same were delivered to the capitals of NAM member and observer countries and through the Embassies of those accredited in Havana.

22/04/2008: The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Abelardo Moreno, held a meeting with the Representatives of NAM member and observer countries accredited in Havana, at which he offered information about COMINAC VII, to be held at the Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, from the 2nd to the 4th of July 2008.

23/04/2008: At the request of the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to its membership the proposed provisional agenda for the Meeting of Senior Officials and the Ministerial segment of the Seventh Conference of Ministers of Information of the Non-Aligned Countries (COMINAC-VII), to be held July 2 – 4, 2008 on the Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

8/05/2008: The Chair of the CoB circulated to its membership, with a view to later negotiation, the proposals for the Final Declaration and the Action Programme for the Seventh Conference of Ministers of Information of Non-Aligned Countries (COMINAC-VII). A time frame was set for the delegations of non-aligned countries to send their comments and proposals on both texts.

- 16/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership a Note Verbale inviting NAM members to present candidatures for the positions at the Bureau of the COMINAC-VII, which would be celebrated on the Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, July 2 -4, 2008.
- 27/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to its membership the draft Final Declaration of COMINAC-VII, negotiated and agreed to by the NAM Working Group on Information.
- 9/06/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau , in New York, informed through the Verbal Notes NAM/189-190-191-192/2008 on decisions adopted by the Coordinating Bureau in its meeting of June 6, about the following subjects: recommendation of the draft Final Declaration of the COMINAC-VII, negotiated in the month of May in the framework of the NAM Working Group on Information, the candidatures presented by different non-aligned countries for the Bureau of the COMINAC-VII and of the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of NAM, the new date for holding the Fifteenth Summit Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, 27 – 30 July, 2008.
- 19/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, informed its membership that negotiations for the Action Plan for COMINAC-VII would take place June 24 – 26, 2008, in the framework of the NAM Working Group on Information.
- 23/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau in New York circulated to its membership, by NAM Note/223/2008, the Message sent by the Group of NAM Countries in UNESCO, as contribution to COMINAC-VII.
- 23/6/08: The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Mr. Abelardo Moreno, held a second meeting with representatives of NAM member and observer countries accredited in Havana, during which he offered up-to-date information on the final preparations for COMINAC-VII, to be held on Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, July 2 – 4, 2008.
- 25/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, requested Movement members and observers who had not yet done so, to inform the Organizing Committee of COMINAC-VII about the composition of their delegations and their itineraries in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, among other matters.
- 25/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership, through NAM Note/235/2008, the draft Action Programme of COMINAC-VII, adopted that same day by the NAM Working Group on Information.

25/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership the Verbal Notes from the Permanent Missions of Guatemala, Sri Lanka and Egypt, indicating their interest in assuming some of the COMINAC-VII Vice Presidencies.

2-4/07/2008: COMINAC VII was successfully held on the Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The event constituted a useful scenario to harmonize positions of NAM in matters of information and communications, as well as to defend the validity and relevance of fighting for a New World Order of Information and Communications. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela was elected by acclamation to preside COMINAC for the next three years. 70 delegations of Movement members and observer countries participated. Of these 26 countries were represented by their respective Ministers of Information or Foreign Ministers and 13 by their Deputy Ministers. Two very positive documents were adopted: the Declaration and the Action Plan of Isla Margarita, both on the subject of promoting an objective voice for the South to face current trends in the fields of information and communications.

7. FIFTEENTH NAM MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE (INTER-SUMMIT)

30/11/2007: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in which it expressed its willingness to be the host country for the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, in 2008.

25/01/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to all NAM members and observers, a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, informing of the date and place of the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (Inter-Summit).

04/02/2008: The NAM Chair at the various multilateral venues the Movement functions (New York, Geneva, Vienna and Paris) circulated to its member and observer countries, the official information on the Fifteenth Inter-Summit Ministerial Conference of NAM to be held in Tehran in July 2008.

24/03/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated to its membership a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, informing of the new date for holding the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference, to be held in Tehran in July 2008.

28/03/2008: Jamaica, in its capacity as Coordinator of the NAM Caucus at the Peace-building Commission prepared and sent the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau a proposal on language for the section on the PBC of the Final Document to be adopted at the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference (Inter-Summit).

- 22/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Iran, informing of the new date for the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of Non-Aligned countries, that would be held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, from July 27 to 30, 2008.
- 22/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated the proposals for the provisional agenda for the Senior Officials Meeting and the Ministerial Segment of the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement, to be held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, from July 27 to July 30, 2008.
- 22/04/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau distributed letters of invitation from His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, to his counterparts from the Movement member and observer countries, urging them to participate in the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries Movement, which would be celebrated in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on July 27-30, 2008. Copies of same were sent to the capitals of the NAM member and observer countries and through the Embassies of those accredited in Havana. Following Movement practice, a letter of invitation was also sent to the UN Secretary General, His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon.
- 22/04/2008: The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Abelardo Moreno, met with the Representatives of the NAM member and observer countries accredited in Havana, in which he offered information on the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of the Movement (Inter-Summit) to be held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, July 27 – 30, 2008.
- 8/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated a Note Verbale inviting the NAM members to present candidatures for the Bureau of the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of the NAM, to be held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, July 27 – 30, 2008.
- 08/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership, with a view to later negotiation, the draft Final Document of the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of the NAM. A time frame was established so that the delegations of the non-aligned countries could send their comments and proposals about the text.
- 14/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership the provisional working programme and the guidelines for the negotiations of the draft Final Document at the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference of the NAM.
- 14/05/2008: Following Movement practice, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba sent a letter to the President of the UN General Assembly inviting him to participate at the Fifteenth Ministerial NAM Conference.

- 20/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran with information regarding the organization of the Fifteenth Ministerial NAM Conference.
- 30/05/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, circulated to its membership the compilation of proposals presented by the delegations of non-aligned countries to the draft Final Document of the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference. Likewise, it distributed the working programme brought up to date for the negotiations of said document within the framework of the Coordinating Bureau .
- 9/06/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau , in New York, informed through the Verbal Notes NAM/189-190-191-192/2008 on the decisions adopted by the Coordinating Bureau in its meeting of June 6, regarding the following subjects: recommendation of the draft Final Declaration of COMINAC-VII; candidatures presented by various non-aligned countries for the Bureau of COMINAC-VII and the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference; the new date to hold the Fifteenth Summit Conference for the Non-Aligned Movement, from July 27 to 30, 2008.
- 12/06/2008: The NAM Committee on Palestine met in New York, at the ambassadorial level, as part of the preparations for the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference. In this context, the Committee members considered and recommended the draft Declaration on Palestine for it to be adopted at the Committee Ministerial Meeting in the framework of the Fifteenth Movement Ministerial Conference. Likewise, they approved the provisional agenda of said Committee Ministerial Meeting.
- 19/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York, sent all member delegations the Verbal Note NAM/213/2008, informing of the conclusion of the negotiation process in New York on the draft Final Document of the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference. The Chair thanked the Movement delegations for their constructive spirit, flexibility and solidarity demonstrated during this process.
- 19/6/2008: At the request of the Iranian delegation, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau circulated the Draft Declaration on the Iranian Nuclear Issue, for consideration of the Movement members, with the purpose that it be adopted at the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference. The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau announced that the draft Declaration would be negotiated in the framework of the NAM Working Group on Disarmament.
- 20/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau in New York sent all member delegations, by Verbal Note NAM/217/2008, the draft Final Document of the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference, that had been adopted on June 18 in the open-ended NAM Working Group, established for negotiating this draft

document. On June 25 a revised version of the same was distributed, by means of Verbal Note NAM/234/2008, in which typographical errors were corrected.

23/6/2008: At the request of the Iranian delegation, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau in New York informed its membership on logistical matters related to the holding of the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference.

25/6/2008: The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau, in New York circulated to its membership the Verbal Notes from the Permanent Missions of Algeria, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Iraq, Myanmar and Afghanistan, presenting their candidatures for the Vice Presidencies of the Fifteenth NAM Ministerial Conference.

8. SECOND NAM MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

7/05/2007: In the framework of the plenary meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, in New York, the delegation of Guatemala ratified the commitment of its country to hold the Second NAM Ministerial Meeting on the Advancement of Women, from December 7 to 10, 2008. In this sense, they indicated that they would provide all NAM member and observer countries with organizational details on the event at a later date.

9. NAM MINISTERIAL MEETING ON INTER-RELIGIOUS COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE FOR PEACE

13/06/2008: The Permanent Mission of the Philippines at the UN sent a Note Verbale to the Permanent Mission of Cuba informing of the decision of its authorities to hold the NAM Ministerial Meeting on inter-religious cooperation and dialogue for peace, on May 26-28, 2009; and requesting that this decision be reflected in the proposed Final Document of the Fifteenth Ministerial Conference (Inter-Summit).

H. RELATIONS WITH OTHER REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

16/03/2007: The Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Mr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanogw, on behalf of the government of Pakistan and of the Secretary General of said organization sent a letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, inviting him to participate, on behalf of NAM, at the 34th Ministerial Conference to be held May 15 – 17, 2007.

26/03/2007: The First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, attended on behalf of the NAM Presidency the Ministerial Segment of the Nineteenth Summit of the League of Arab States.

- 4/04/2007: The Permanent Delegation of the League of Arab States in Geneva sent to the Permanent Mission of Cuba, in its capacity as NAM President, a Declaration issued by said Organization regarding the increase of the defamatory campaign against Islam under the excuse of freedom of expression. Said Declaration informs about the call initiated by the Secretary General of the League of Arab States to hold a special session of the UN Security Council dedicated to consideration of inter-cultural relations and their impact on international peace and security.
- 17/05/2007: The First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, participated and made a statement on behalf of the NAM Presidency at the Thirty-fourth Ministerial Conference of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 6/06/2007: In compliance with a decision adopted at the Fourteenth Summit, a message from the Presidency of NAM was delivered on the occasion of the Thirty-third Summit of the Group of Eight most industrialized countries. This message was sent by a letter from His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, directed to His Excellency Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany the country presiding at this time the Group of 8. Said message was delivered simultaneously in Berlin and New York.
- 27/03/2008: His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, made a statement, on behalf of NAM, at the ministerial segment of the Twentieth Summit of the League of Arab States, held in the Syrian Arab Republic.
- 26/06/2008: His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, made a statement on behalf of NAM, in the ministerial segment of the Eleventh Summit of the African Union held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- 3/07/2008: In compliance with a decision adopted at the Fourteenth Summit, a message from the NAM Presidency was delivered on the occasion of the Thirty-fourth Summit of the Eight most industrialized countries. This message was sent by a letter from His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, directed to His Excellency Mr. Masahiko Koumura, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the country now presiding the Group of 8. Said message was delivered simultaneously in Tokyo and New York.