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PREFACE

From August 16th to August 19th, 1976, the Fifth Summit Conference of Non-aligned Countries was successfully held in Colombo, in an atmosphere full of confidence, resolute solidarity and great optimism.

On that occasion, the President of the Presidium of the State of Democratic Kampuchea KHIEU SAMPHAN delivered an important statement which strongly impressed all participating delegations. His statement clearly and accurately expounded the fundamental stands of Democratic Kampuchea, that is :

- Independence, sovereignty, self-reliance and being master of one's own destiny.
- Resolute defence of the sacred principles of the great family of non-aligned countries, that is : equality, mutual respect for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, reciprocal advantages.
- Resolute solidarity with all revolutionary movements of the peoples in the world and with the struggling movements of the brotherly peoples of the Third World for independence ; liberty, democracy, friendship and social progress.
- Making all efforts to achieve *révolution* inside one's own country and to carry on the struggle for the economical rehabilitation and national edification based on the principles of independence, sovereignty, self-reliance with the firm conviction that those efforts will contribute to the development of the revolutionary movement of the peoples in the world and to that of the national liberation movement of the brotherly peoples of the Third World as well as to the strengthening of

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Madam Chairman,
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First of all, the Delegation of Democratic Kampuchea would like to extend its warm congratulations to Mrs. Prime Minister SIRIMAVO BANDARANAIKE for being elected as Chairman of our Fifth Summit Conference of Non-aligned Countries. We should like to extend to Madam Chairman our best wishes for full success in her noble mission. On the same occasion, we should like to convey to Madam Chairman and through her to the friendly Government and people of Sri Lanka the profound greetings of the people and Government of Democratic Kampuchea. We should like to express our heartiest thanks

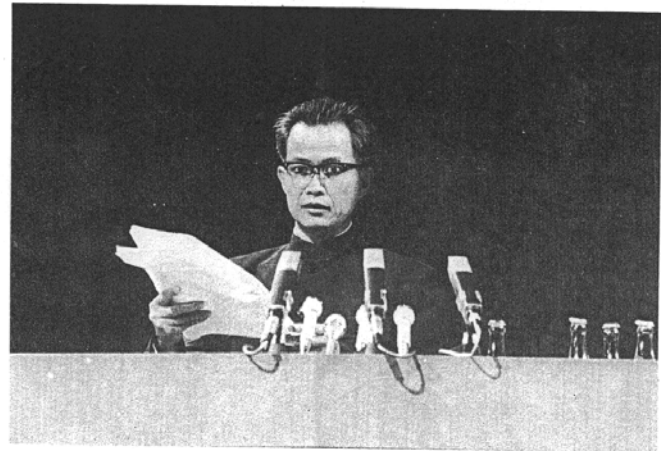
for the warm and cordial welcome and for all facilities extended by the people and Government of Sri Lanka to our Delegation during our stay in Colombo, your beautiful Capital.

To their Majesties, Excellencies Heads of State and Heads of Government of all countries, eminent Statesmen, well known for their innumerable noble activities to consolidate the principles of our Movement and to enhance the role of our Movement in the contemporary international arena, we should like to extend our profound greetings.

We should like to extend our warmest congratulations to the Delegations from the countries that have won brilliant victories over imperialism and colonialism and are now participating as full members in our great family of non-aligned countries. This is a brilliant victory of our Movement which will surely increase its power and its influence in the international arena.

We would like to extend our warmest welcome, with our deepest fraternal revolutionary feelings to the Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic led by His Excellency President SOUPHANOUVONG participating in the Non-aligned Summit Conference after the brilliant founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

We would like to extend our warmest welcome, with our deepest revolutionary feelings to the Delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam led by His Excellency PHAM VAN DONG, coming to participate



The President of the Presidium of the State of Democratic Kampuchea KHIEU SAMPHAN making a speech at the Fifth Summit Conference of the Non-aligned Countries in Colombo.

in our Summit Conference, after the achievement of its unity and after its great and brilliant victory .

We should like to extend our warmest welcome , with our deepest fraternal revolutionary feelings to the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by His Excellency Prime Minister PAK SEUNG TCHEUL . The participation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in our great family of non-aligned countries contributes to the consolidation and development of our ranks .

We would like to extend our warmest welcome , with our brotherly feelings to :

- the Delegation of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau led by His Excellency Prime Minister FRANCISCO MENDES,
- the Delegation of the People's Republic of Mozambique led by His Excellency President SAMORA MACHEL ,
- the Delegation of the Republic of Cape Verde Islands led by His Excellency Prime Minister PEDRO PIRES,
- the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe led by His Excellency LEONEL D'ALVA ,
- the Delegation of the Republic of Comoro Archipelago led by His Excellency Vice - President MOHAMED HASSANALY ,
- the Delegation of the People's Republic of Angola led by His Excellency President AGOSTINHO NETO ,
- the Delegation of the Republic of Seychelles led by His Excellency President JAMES R. MANCHAM ,

that have just brilliantly won their independence . Their

Movement which have always developed since its founding. From one Summit to another - Belgrade, Cairo, Lusaka, Algiers, Colombo - the members of our great family have always been increased. Our Movement has always consolidated and enhanced the principles of non-alignment, through their implementation. Thus, the role of our great non-aligned family has always developed in the international arena.

At the beginning, imperialism, colonialism, reactionaries and rich countries who used to rule the world destiny at their will, under-estimated our Movement for having as members only a few number of poor small and medium-size countries. They ran down our Movement by claiming that we should never have any future. But now, they can no more lay down the law. They have to take into account the role of our great non-aligned family. Thanks to the strength of their solidarity, the small and poor countries, members of our family, have by force acquired their rank to be equal with the others in the international arena, particularly they do not allow any country whatever to decide on their destiny at its own free will. The Fourth Summit Conference in Algiers in 1973 is an important turning point of the development of our Movement, for the Conference considered as its own the struggle of poor countries against the continuation of exploitation by the rich countries and enhanced the struggle of our great family against interference, expansionism and aggression from the rich great Powers. At the same time, it initiated the

great struggle for a new international economic order . The Foreign Ministers' Conference of Non - aligned Countries in Lima in 1975, by strengthening the decisions made at the Summit Conference in Algiers showed still more obviously the increasing role of our Movement .

Our Movement took the initiative to convene the Sixth and Seventh Special Session of the UN General Assembly and achieved there remarkable successes . At the Thirtieth Session of the UN General Assembly and in other international conferences, the increasing role of our Movement was also confirmed .

Our great family has always expressed its active and militant solidarity with the Third World peoples, in conformity with the principles of non - alignment of our Movement . Since the Fourth Summit Conference in Algiers, the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America have valiantly carried out their struggle and achieved brilliant victories , changing deeply the world situation. In East Asia , after having fought with sublime heroism and sacrifices , the people of Kampuchea won the great historic victory over the aggressive war of US imperialism, liberating Kampuchea totally and definitively on April 17 , 1975 . South Viet Nam was also totally liberated through the great victory on April 30 , 1975 , thus fulfilling every condition for the unity of Viet Nam . The Lao people also won totally their great and brilliant victory . The heroic people of the whole Democratic People's Republic of Korea have victoriously crushed all aggressive schemes of US im-

perialism . The other peoples of Southeast Asia are struggling more powerfully to destroy military alliances and foreign bases . The struggle for independence and democracy in this region is progressing favourably . In the Middle East , the struggle of the Palestinian people against aggressive Israeli sionism and expansionism is developing more and more . The peoples and countries of the Third World and the peace - and justice - loving countries always stand by the side of the Palestinian people . The just struggle of the Palestinian people will surely lead to victory . The valiant Arab peoples are standing firmly by their resolute struggle against Israeli sionism and all kinds of acts of interference and aggression . They have acquired numerous and precious experiences . They are going forward toward victory they are sure to win . On the glorious African continent , after their stubborn and heroic struggle , the peoples of Guinea - Bissau , Mozambique , Cape Verde , Sao Tome and Principe , Comoro , Angola and Seychelles have successfully won their independence since 1973 up to 1976 . The national liberation movements of the peoples of Zimbabwe , Namibia and Azania against colonialism and South African racism are in full progress . They will certainly be crowned with final victory . The peoples of Latin America closely united , have successfully defended their sovereignty and their rights to dispose of their national resources . The Third World countries closely united , are struggling for a new international economic order .

Our non-aligned Movement has fully played the

part devolved by History that is to give resolute unconditional support in a spirit of active solidarity to all movements of struggle for national liberation of the Third World peoples against all acts of aggression and interference. Our Movement has powerfully encouraged the valiant struggle of the peoples of the whole Third World, victims of the acts of foreign aggression and interference.

The people of Kampuchea, who are victim of the war of aggression of US imperialism and have waged a stubborn and difficult struggle against this war of aggression of US imperialism and its lackeys, like all the peoples of the Third World in struggle, highly appreciate the real efficiency of all support, moral, political, and diplomatic from our great family. Our great family is poor indeed and lacking material, money and weapons. But its support as regards to the position of struggle, the spirit of solidarity, the mutual encouragement, the defence of the rights for the people of every country, whether small or big, to dispose of their own destiny the defence of justice against injustice, interference and aggression, has greatly encouraged all the peoples in struggle for their independence and their sovereignty. This support has changed into a material force which is striking telling blows on all forces of aggression, interference, inflicting on them successive defeats. Therefore, our great family has brought its active and important contribution to the victory of the people of Kampuchea, and that of other peoples in the Third World.

At the same time, the brilliant victories won by

the peoples in struggle constitute a powerful factor, favourable to the cause which our great family is defending and fighting for. They are also favourable to the defence of independence and sovereignty of each of our countries. They further enhance the role of our great non-aligned family and constitute a great capital ensuring a bright future for our Movement.

Thus, from the First to this Fifth Summit Conference, our Movement has been crowned successively with victories. Of course, obstacles and difficulties are numerous in our struggle. However, thanks to the position of solidarity, equality, mutual respect of independence and sovereignty, and mutual aid, our great family has defeated all threats from outside and all obstacles and difficulties one by one. The brilliant results we have obtained up to now are an experience which further convinces us that, in the future, in spite of new inevitable obstacles, our Movement will continue to progress.

The brilliant results acquired by our Movement are due to the efforts put forth by all members that resolutely defend the principles of non-alignment. They are also due to the force of solidarity and mutual aid within our great family. In evaluating the situation of our Movement from the Fourth Summit Conference to the Fifth Summit Conference, the Delegation of Democratic Kampuchea highly appreciate the great competence and intensive activities of His Excellency HOUARI BOUMEDIENE, President of Democratic and People's Republic of Algeria, in his noble mission, in his capacity as President of the Fourth Summit Conference of Non-

aligned Countries since 1973. We should like to extend to him our most profound greetings and our warmest congratulations. The struggle crowned with successes of the peoples of Asia, Africa, and Latin America as well as the internal solidarity within our Movement are as many factors favourable to our non-aligned Movement. But our Movement has to face and fight against the danger coming from the ambition, covetousness and expansion of the rich great Powers. In their perfidious activities, the latter seek to interfere by all means in our Movement, to divide it, and aggress each member of our great family.

It is true that the members of our Movement are poor and weak. But we are bent on holding in our hands our own destiny. We absolutely do not want any other to interfere in our internal affairs, to aggress us and violate our sovereignty and our territorial integrity. Therefore, we need to be jointly united in gathering our forces to defend our independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, to defend our rights to decide by ourselves our own destiny, in full independence and sovereignty. This is a pressing necessity and sacred duty. It is a firm solidarity based on the sacred principles of non-alignment, the principles of equality, mutual respect of independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, mutual aid, non-interference, of respect of the right of each people to settle by themselves their own affairs in full independence and sovereignty.

The principles of non-alignment are the resolute will and deep aspirations of thousands of millions of



In his capacity of Deputy-Chairman of the Fifth Summit Conference of the Non-aligned Countries, the President of the Presidium of the State of Democratic Kampuchea KHIEU SAMPHAN presiding over a plenary session of the Conference.

peoples of the Third World countries, who have a high political consciousness and are determined to grasp by themselves their own destiny and that of their country. For this reason, it is a prodigious force which no other force could oppose. The sacred principles of non-alignment certainly insure the strengthening of solidarity within our Movement of non-aligned countries. They also insure victory for the liberation of our nations and peoples and the defeat of all manoeuvres of interference and aggression against our independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Democratic Kampuchea wishes to solemnly declare here once again that in all circumstances, she firmly and resolutely abides by the sacred principles of non-alignment.

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Madam Chairman,
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From the very first, Kampuchea has always been a non-aligned country. The people of Kampuchea have always believed in the principles of non-alignment. The fundamental and sacred aspiration of our people is to have an independent, united, sovereign, peaceful, neutral, democratic Kampuchea within her territorial

integrity, and non-aligned .

But, since 1955, the US imperialists and their lackeys of all kinds have always undertaken their acts of subversion, intervention against the nation and people of Kampuchea . At that time, many of our compatriots and patriots were killed . However, armed with unshakable will to carry out their fundamental and sacred aspirations, the nation and people of Kampuchea have waged a valiant struggle, using all forms of struggle, including political and armed violence. They have then achieved successive victories in safeguarding and defending the independent, neutral and non-aligned Kampuchea. Thanks to their resolute struggle, they have particularly succeeded in preventing the installation of US bases of aggression in their territory until 1970 .

Cornered by their successive bitter defeats, the US imperialists and the Lon Nol traitorous clique staged the arch-traitorous and arch-reactionary coup d'etat of March 18, 1970, and undertook an extremely devastating war, unknown in our history to destroy the independence, neutrality and peace of Kampuchea and transform her into a US military base and neo-colony. To aggress our small Kampuchea, US imperialism, the greatest and the most barbarous Power in the world, used all means of war, all kinds of sophisticated weapons, except only the atomic bombs. They resorted to all forms of aggressive war, sending their armed forces to directly invade Kampuchea, using puppet troops of Thieu-Ky and of the Lon Nol traitorous clique

as tools of their aggression, going even so far as mobilizing all their planes of all types based in Asia and in the Pacific region to « apply the Americanisation of the air war » in Kampuchea .

But the people of Kampuchea valiantly rose up against the extremely barbarous war of aggression of the US imperialists and their lackeys. With the support of the friendly countries in the world, near and far, particularly the non-aligned countries, and in abiding firmly by the position of independence, sovereignty and self-reliance, of being master of their own destiny and that of the country, the people and Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have courageously consented innumerable sacrifices, endured all kinds of sufferings and overcome all kinds of obstacles to wage fiercely, without respite, in common enthusiasm, at the front as well as in the rear, the revolutionary war for national and people's liberation. Starting from nearly empty hands, the people and Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have strived to build up their own forces in every field, self-reliantly. They succeeded in providing themselves with food and clothes by their own means. With creativeness, they made weapons and ammunitions, and at the same time captured the enemy's weapons to annihilate them . The people and Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea had constantly launched offensives for five years and one month, until the total and definitive defeat of the US imperialists and their lackeys .

April 1st, 1975 marks the total and definitive failure of the « Khmerisation policy of the war » of the

US imperialists in Kampuchea, as well as the total and definitive failure of the « Nixon doctrine », that is to use the khmer traitors to fight against the people of Kampuchea. For it is the day when the traitor Lon Nol who is the soul of the « khmerisation policy of the war » of the US imperialists cowardly took to flight .

On April 12 th 1975 , the US Ambassador and the whole US military command hastily fled from Phnom Penh by helicopters to escape from our people and our Revolutionary Army's punishments.

On April 17th 1975 , we totally liberated Phnom Penh and the whole Kampuchea . It is the day which marks the end of the extremely cruel and devastating war of aggression of the US imperialists against the nation and people of Kampuchea .

The great victory won by the people of Kampuchea is due to the correct political line of our Revolutionary Organization , notably the line of independence , sovereignty , self-reliance and being master of our own destiny . It is also due to the sublime revolutionary heroism and immense sacrifices of the people and Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea . Of course , the fundamental determinant factor of our victory is indeed the people of Kampuchea who have struggled by their own efforts under the correct leadership of their Revolutionary Organization . But our victory is also due to the multi-form support received by the nation and people of Kampuchea in the international arena , from the great family of non-aligned countries , from our friends , near and far , on the five

continents and from the peace- and justice-loving peoples and countries in the world , including the peace- and progress-loving American people, youth and political personalities . The Fourth Summit Conference in Algiers in 1973 expressed its resolute solidarity with the cause of national liberation of the people of Kampuchea . The support, sympathy and encouragement of our great family to the struggle of our people have further strengthened the confidence of our people on the non-alignment . We avail ourselves of this solemn occasion of the Fifth Summit Conference of our great family to renew to the Heads of State, the Heads of Government and to all friendly countries, near and far, our profound gratitude for having undertaken noble actions to support our cause of national liberation .

We are everlastingly grateful to them and express here our firm determination to stay for ever in solidarity with them , particularly with our great family of non-aligned countries .

After liberation, the people and Government of Kampuchea have to face many severe problems left over by the extremely cruel and barbarous war of aggression of US imperialism. More than one million persons out of the total population of the 8 millions have been victim of the war. Hundreds of thousands of cattle, our working power, were killed. A very large number of factories, lands, rice-fields and villages were destroyed. A number of communication lines were completely destroyed, others were destroyed from 70 to 80 per cent. The problem of food became an urgent one. Besides, the

enemy still carried on its attempt to destroy the results of the victory of our people, as shown by the affair of Mayaguez in May 1975 and the bombing of the City of Siemreap in February 1976. In spite of that, we have overcome all obstacles, undertaken actively our production work based mainly on the principle of self-reliance. Since liberation, we have succeeded in solving the living conditions of our people, particularly we have solved the problem of food. We go on solving these problems by always abiding by the line of independence, sovereignty, self-reliance, of being resolutely master of the destiny of our country and by relying on the force of a large national union with the support of our friends, near and far, in the world. Through the concrete experience of our long revolutionary struggle, we have perfectly understood that in order to win genuine political independence, we have to wage the struggle based fundamentally on the line of independence, sovereignty and self-reliance, of being master of our own destiny. This same experience has taught us also that in order to win genuine economical independence, we have to put forth all our efforts based always on the position of independence, sovereignty and self-reliance, and being master of our own destiny. Likewise, we are fully aware that our political independence would be genuine only when our economical independence is genuine itself.

Besides, stability and tranquillity prevail all over the territory of Kampuchea. These are favourable conditions for our people to rehabilitate and build up

their national economy and consolidate the State power. It is in this situation more and more favourable that Democratic Kampuchea has successfully set up her State institutions within a great and solid national union. Nevertheless, we constantly have to strengthen our revolutionary vigilance, for our innumerable experiences have taught us that the enemy would never give up their dark schemes to destroy our revolution.

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Madam Chairman,
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Democratic Kampuchea, born after the great victory of April 17th 1975, resolutely follows the policy of non-alignment. This is a strategical and non-occasional position, for it corresponds to the profound aspirations of our people. We have firmly abided by this position since 1955, and this position was constantly prevailing during the whole war for national and people's liberation against the barbarous war of aggression of the US imperialists and their lackeys (1970-1975). After our victory, we have repeatedly proclaimed this position. Our Constitution has made it clear as follows:

« Democratic Kampuchea resolutely remains in

the great family of non-aligned countries ».

For centuries, we had been victim of interventions, interferences and aggressions. During this period, we had lost a lot of our territories and our country was meanly reduced to slavery. Our national dignity was despised and our people had lived in the worst misery. We had almost completely lost our national soul. Now, our country and our people are liberated. Therefore, our people have recovered their national dignity together with their soul. They are endowed with ardent and pure patriotism. They have no feelings of contempt or hostility for the others. They have no intention of expansion, annexation or aggression with regard to any country. Our Constitution stipulates as follows :

« Democratic Kampuchea is endowed with goodwill and firmly determined to maintain close and friendly relations with all countries having common borders with her, and with all countries throughout the world, near or far, on the strict basis of mutual respect of sovereignty and territorial integrity.

« Democratic Kampuchea abides by a policy of independence, peace, neutrality and non-alignment. No foreign country whatever is allowed to establish military bases on her territory. She stands resolutely against all foreign interference in her internal affairs and fights resolutely against all subversive and aggressive acts from outside...

« Democratic Kampuchea never interferes in any case in the internal affairs of other countries. She scrupulously abides by the principles that every country

is sovereign and has the right to dispose and decide by itself its internal affairs without foreign interference ».

Our country is small, with a small population and remains still poor. But our people, like all other peoples, cherish independence and peace. Like other peoples too, they have to defend resolutely their national independence and their territorial integrity. Our people, like other peoples, need to be master of their own destiny, and in any case, they do not want any foreigner to do it at their place. Therefore, like other peoples, our people have to defend the principles of equality, mutual respect of independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and mutual interests. We have always respected and defended these principles, for these are the aspirations of our people. We all, small, medium-size and weak countries the world over, are extremely attached to these principles and are safeguarding and defending them resolutely. That is our profound conviction.

It is for this reason that Democratic Kampuchea remains in the great non-aligned family. The great non-aligned family is ours. The place of Democratic Kampuchea is in the great non-aligned family which we are sincerely attached to. We are determined to carry out our activities within this great family to defend and consolidate the sacred principles of non-alignment, and that, by all our forces and in accordance with the possibilities of our country which is just out from the war.

At the same time, Democratic Kampuchea does her utmost to jointly unite with and support the revolu-

tionary movements of the peoples in the world and with the movements of struggle of the brotherly peoples in the Third World for independence, liberty, democracy, friendship and social progress. We will do everything to bring them support and we consider this as a revolutionary noble duty. Our country is small, our people remains still poor and we are just out from the war. Nevertheless, we try our best to express our solidarity with and bring them our support, particularly in the political and moral fields. Our determination is unshakable to remain, in all circumstances, by the side of the brotherly peoples of the Third World against imperialism, colonialism and against any act of interference and aggression from outside.

We are firmly confident that the sacrifices consented by our people in their struggle for national and people's liberation against the war of aggression of the US imperialists constitute a modest contribution to the struggle of the peoples of the world against imperialism and colonialism. They modestly contribute at the same time to the strengthening of the non-alignment principles.

Our people are convinced that their present efforts to win success in the pursuit of the revolution in their country, in the rehabilitation of economy and in the national building based on the principles of independence, sovereignty and self-reliance, will be another modest contribution to the revolutionary movements of the peoples in the world, to the movements of struggle of the brotherly peoples in the Third World,

and to the consolidation of the cause of our great non-aligned family. Our slogan is the following: it is only by striving to carry out well our revolution by ourselves that we could well contribute to the revolution in the world and to the struggle of the peoples of the Third World.

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Madam Chairman,
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We would like to precisely state our position on a number of the present day problems as follows:

PROBLEM OF KOREA :

At present, the US imperialists have obstinately carried on their oppression on the Southern part of Korea, by strengthening and developing their military bases. They have plans to continue their aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. That is why they continue to increase the effective of their aggressive troops and introduced great quantities of modern weapons. The US imperialists have carried out numerous provoking military exercises against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea energetically opposes the policy of aggression of the US imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic

of Korea. The US imperialists have to withdraw all their troops, pull down all their military bases in South Korea, remove the so-called «UN high command» and change the Armistice Agreement in Korea into an Agreement of peace. The US imperialists have to let the Korean people proceed by themselves their independent and peaceful reunification of their country.

We firmly support the three principles and the orientation in five points put forward by President KIM IL SUNG to solve the Korean problem.

PROBLEM OF EAST TIMOR :

We express our total and resolute solidarity with the just struggle of the people and Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor under the leadership of FRETILIN, against the aggression and annexionist manoeuvres from outside. The people of East Timor is the sole sovereign and master of East Timor.

PROBLEM OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA :

We wish South-East Asia to be an area of genuine independence, neutrality and peace. That means that at present as in the future, South-East Asia should be an area where each country is genuinely independent, genuinely neutral, without foreign base or military forces on its territory, sea territorial water and in the surrounding oceans, and has fully the right to decide on their own destiny. That is to say an area without any foreign interference or intervention under whatever form may be, at present as in the future. This wish is totally consistent with our principles of non-alignment. The countries in this area could live in genuine indepen-

dence and sovereignty only when there is no more interference and intervention under whatever form may be.

PROBLEM OF PALESTINE AND MIDDLE- EAST :

Kampuchea has always totally and firmly supported the struggle of the Palestinian people against Israeli sionism. She reaffirms once again her support to the Palestinian people until they recover their national inalienable rights, their right to return to their Motherland, their rights to self-determination and to the founding of a Palestinian State on the Palestinian soil, their Motherland. The Palestinian people are heroic people who have valiantly fought since a long time under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. We will work with all the non-aligned countries so that the Palestinian people recover all their national rights. At the same time, we resolutely support the struggle of the other Arab peoples to recover their territories occupied by Israeli sionists since 1967. We are convinced that, thanks to the stubborn and resolute struggle and the support from the peoples the world over, the just and sacred cause of Palestinian people and of all Arab peoples will be crowned with total and final victory.

PROBLEMS OF AFRICA :

We express once again our support to the struggle of the people of Zimbabwe, under the leadership of the African National Council, for independence to decide by themselves on their own destiny against the Ian Smith white racists. We support the struggle of the people of Namibia, under the leadership of the South-

West African People's Organization - SWAPO, for independence, unity and territorial integrity of Namibia against the oppression from the South African racists and against their Bantoustan policy. We highly value and support the struggle of the heroic black people of Azania for the liberation of their country from the yoke of colonialists and Vorster racists. We are convinced that the people of Zimbabwe, Namibia and Azania will achieve total victory.

We support the brave decision of the Government of Mozambique to close their frontiers to the racist regime of Ian Smith. We support all the friendly countries in the region of South Africa which have put forth all their material and moral forces to support the struggles of the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and Azania. We support the decision of the Organization of African Unity to intensify the struggle for the quick liberation of the region of South Africa.

We resolutely support the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoro Archipelago and consider the Mayotte Island as integral part of the independent Comoro Archipelago. We demand that it should put an end to the colonialism on the Mayotte Island, so that this Island returns to Comoro. We support the struggle of the people of the Somalian Coast against French colonialism for independence and liberation. Concerning the problem of West Sahara, we base on the right of the people to dispose by themselves their own destiny, which is the sacred principle of our non-aligned family.

PROBLEMS OF LATIN AMERICA :

We support the struggle of the people of Porto Rico for their independence against US colonialism. We express our solidarity with the struggle of the Republic of Cuba to wipe out the military base of US imperialism in Guantanamo from its national territory. We support the people and Government of Panama in their struggle to establish their sovereignty on the Canal area. We support the right of the people of Belize for independence and territorial integrity. We consider as correct the claim of Argentina over the Malvin Islands. We support the struggle of the countries in Latin America to safeguard their rights on their national resources and to wipe out all foreign domination and exploitation.

PROBLEM OF INDIAN OCEAN AND OTHER OCEANS :

We want all maritime regions, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean and other maritime regions, big or small, should be areas of peace, that is areas without any military base and activity provoking tensions and threats in these regions. That is the wish of our people, like that of all peoples who cherish genuine peace in the world.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS :

The present international economic order leads the Third World countries to become poorer and poorer by the exploitation and oppression by the rich countries. Since the Fourth Summit Conference in Algiers, our great family has undertaken, in solidarity and unity, the activities to establish a new international economic

order based on the principles of equality and respect of mutual interests. At the same time, our non-aligned countries have put forward their efforts to develop and strengthen their cooperation. The developing countries have achieved numerous successes in the defence of their rights to manage their national resources and other sovereign rights. We mutually support each other to stand against pressures, threats, discriminations and interventions of the rich countries. Although we have achieved some successes in our struggle, the road that we have to take in order to establish the new international economic order is still long, full of ambushes, owing to the obstacles set by the rich countries in order to preserve the old international economic order and continue to carry out their exploitations and oppressions on our countries. That is why it is necessary to further strengthen the solidarity within our ranks to wage a stubborn struggle in order to establish the new international economic order. Through our experiences, we are convinced that, owing to our stubborn efforts to build up our own economic based on the principles of independence, sovereignty and self-reliance, which efforts constitute the determinant factor, and at the same time, thanks to the solidarity, support and mutual encouragement of all of us, poor countries, in our stubborn and resolute common struggle against the old economic order characterized by exploitation and oppression by the rich countries, we could successfully bring about the establishment of a new international

economic order in conformity with our objectives .

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Madam Chairman,
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We consider the Fifth Summit Conference of our great family in Colombo as an important stage in the strengthening and development of the role and activities of our Movement . With a profound confidence in our great family, we express the hope that at the end of this Fifth Summit Conference, our Movement will strengthen its solidarity and its unity for the triumph of the principles of non-alignment and for the new and brilliant victory of our great family.

Thank you !

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