



## **For the Unity and Cooperation of the Non-aligned Movement**

Today the imperialists' wilful violation of the sovereignty of other countries in disregard of the UN Charter and international laws is growing more undisguised than ever before. In particular, they flagrantly violate the sovereignty of the non-aligned countries and persist in intervening in their internal affairs, threatening and invading them.

The reality demands that all the member states resolutely defend the UN Charter and the principle of the Non-aligned Movement whose pivot is respect of sovereignty, non-interference in others' internal affairs and peaceful resolution of the conflicts.

Looking back, over 60 years have elapsed since the Non-aligned Movement emerged in the arena of history as the most comprehensive international movement

of the present era.

As a member state of the movement, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has made consistent efforts for the consolidation and development of the movement inspiring after an independent and peaceful world against aggressive military blocs and for the unity, solidarity and cooperation among the member states. All its efforts fully conform to the purpose of the inauguration and principle of the movement.

It is worthy of note that the DPRK proposed to celebrate September 1 of the year as the day of the Non-aligned Movement.

The proposal which the DPRK delegation put forward at the conference of the foreign ministers of the non-aligned countries held in New Delhi, India, in February 1981 was unanimously approved by the participating states. The initiative of the DPRK was intended to make the day of the official inauguration of the Non-aligned Movement as an important occasion and driving force for the continuous consolidation, development and advance of the movement.

President Kim Il Sung, having paid close attention to the Non-aligned Movement from its initial days, understood that the movement could realize its noble aim and ideals only through the struggle against imperialism and for independence.

In many of his works and talks including *The Non-aligned Movement Is a Mighty Anti-imperialist Revolutionary Force of Our Times* (published on December 16, 1975) and *For the Development of the Non-aligned Movement* (published on June 20, 1986), Kim Il Sung explained all the theoretical and practical problems in developing the movement: on countering the divide-and-alienate strategy of the imperialists with the strategy of unity of the non-aligned countries; on maintaining the principle of non-interference in other members' internal affairs; on peacefully solving differences of the opinion and the disputes between the non-aligned countries through negotiations between themselves; on taking concerted actions against imperialism, dominationism, colonialism, racism at the UN and other international forums and on closely cooperating in all fields of politics, economy and culture. And he led the DPRK to fulfil its mission and play its role as a member state.

Recorded in pages of the annals of the Non-aligned Movement which defended its noble ideals and principle in the vortex of the history is the righteous struggle the DPRK waged to defend the unity and interests of the non-aligned

countries in the face of the blackmail of the Western countries.

After closely watching the development course of the Non-aligned Movement, a former foreign minister of Indonesia said: The DPRK occupies a leading position in the Non-aligned Movement; it was the DPRK that saved the organism of the Non-aligned Movement by giving it vaccine injections when it contracted the political malady of liberalism and multi-party system after the end of the Cold War and that helped it up to its feet again when it was knocked down by the West.

The DPRK, upholding the movement's ideal of anti-imperialist independence and anti-war peace, opposes the intervention, economic blockade and pressure by the West and extends selfless support and solidarity to the developing countries including Cuba, Venezuela, Syria and Palestine in their righteous struggle to defend sovereignty and national interests.

As the DPRK suffered the calamity of the Korean war (1950-1953) and is now under constant threat of war in the state of acute military confrontation with the United States, its people's desire for peace is so strong. No other people love peace and do their best to defend it as the Korean people have done.

Building a peaceful world free from war is an unchangeable struggle objective of the DPRK government.

It is quite obvious that the progressive mankind who loves independence, justice and peace can build an independent and peaceful world free from tyranny, arbitrariness and moves for war of the imperialists, only when they are firmly united.

The struggle of the DPRK government and the Korean people to ensure durable peace on the Korean peninsula and build a powerful socialist country is a great contribution to the peace and security of the world and to the cause of the Non-aligned Movement for peace and against war.

In his speech at a meeting of the foreign ministers of the non-aligned countries held during the 75<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly, the head of the DPRK delegation said that the DPRK government would actively develop the relations of friendship and cooperation with the non-aligned countries under the ideal of independence, peace and friendship, and make strenuous efforts for the consolidation, development, and joint action of the movement, and for the peace and security of the region and the rest of the world.