



CHAIR OF
THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF
THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



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Dear Madam President,

I have the honor to address this letter to Your Excellency, in my capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Movement in New York, and on behalf of the Member States of the Movement, to advise that the Bureau has decided in its meeting on 16 January 2007 to request that a general debate be scheduled in the General Assembly, jointly under agenda item 47 entitled "Integrated and Coordinated Implementation of and Follow-up to the Outcome of the Major United Nations Conferences and Summits in the Economic, Social and Related Fields," agenda item 112, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations System", agenda item 113, entitled "Follow-up to the Outcome of the Millennium Summit", and agenda item 149, entitled "United Nations Reform: Measures and proposals", in order to discuss the progress achieved in the work of the Peacebuilding Commission.

As you are well aware, the Non-Aligned Movement attaches special attention to the Peacebuilding Commission, particularly as regards enhancing its role in support of national ownership of post-conflict peacebuilding priority planning and efforts. Such a debate would undoubtedly enrich the general membership's awareness of the progress made so far within the Peacebuilding Commission, and would help in addressing, *inter alia*, the outstanding organizational and substantive issues. The Movement believes that such a debate would complement the ongoing plans of the Security Council to hold an open debate on 31 January 2007 to follow up on the multidimensional aspects in the cases under consideration within the Peacebuilding Commission, in line with the respective prerogatives of both organs, according to General Assembly resolution 60/180.

Therefore, the Coordinating Bureau would appreciate if the requested meeting of the General Assembly is scheduled at the earliest possible date.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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