

# 60 Years after the Belgrade Non-Aligned Movement Conference: A Movement for Non-alignment is still necessary Today

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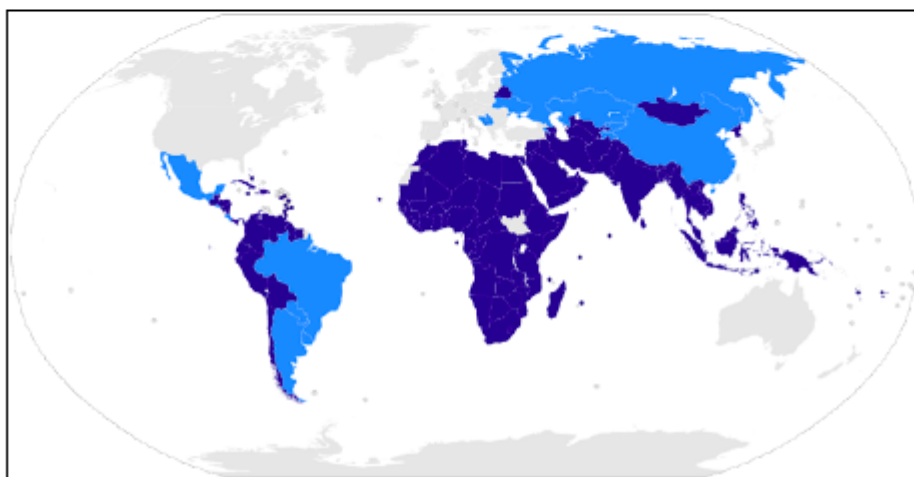
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## 60 years after the Belgrade Non-Aligned Movement conference A movement for non-alignment is still necessary today\*

by Željadin Jovanović



The member- (dark blue) and the observer states (light blue) of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).  
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cc. This year, Serbia joins 119 states in celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

In the run-up to the official commemorative summit (see box), on 2 September 2021, the "Non-Aligned Movement Talks" took place in Belgrade. The organiser of this forum was the Belgrade Museum of African Art (MAA). Participants included high-ranking diplomats (ambassadors), scholars from a number of European countries, including the UK and Austria, historians, students and the general public.

On the occasion of this Forum, the President of the "Belgrade Forum for a World of Equals" and former Foreign

Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia Željadin Jovanović gave a remarkable lecture on the topic of the II Panel "Diplomacy of Non-Aligned Yugoslavia", which we document in the following.

On 11 and 12 October 2021, Belgrade will be the gathering place for high representatives of non-aligned countries to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement held on 1 to 6 September 1961.

### Non-Aligned Movement 1961 and 2021

At that time, the Movement had 25 members and today it counts 120 members. Serbia preserves the tradition of fruitful cooperation with non-aligned countries, deep mutual respect and trust, and strives to renew and strengthen its friendships under the current new conditions, regardless of the fact that today it has the status of an observer. These days, Belgrade will again be the place from which a joint call will be sent to the "conscience of humanity" of those who are most responsi-

ble for the future of humanity, to ensure peace, tolerance, dialogue and a peaceful coexistence. If 60 years ago a message was sent from Belgrade stating that a bloc confrontation is not inevitable, in the coming days we can send an invitation for – dialogue and tolerance instead of a new alignment and tension.

Non-alignment in foreign policy and self-government in domestic politics were the two pillars of Yugoslavia's strategy after the Second World War, according to which it was identified and recognised equally in the West, East, North and South. Its economic growth rate was among the highest in the world (after Japan), and education and health care were free. The example of Yugoslavia was at the same time inspiring for the newly liberated and developing countries and questionable for the bloc countries of the East and the West. Today, Serbia emphasises independence, military neutrality and the pursuit of good relations with all important factors in international relations.

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\* Presentation at the Forum "NAM Talks", The Museum of African Art Belgrade, 2 September 2021.

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