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NAM SUMMIT

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh calls for 'inclusive globalisation', 'confluence of civilisations'

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh addressing the 14th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit in Havana on September 16.

The new challenge before the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is to make the process of globalisation "inclusive" and promote a "balanced and equitable" society, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said during his address at the 14th NAM Summit in Havana on September 16. Noting that, in today's world, "our problems are global, so must our solutions be", the Prime Minister said: "Globalisation must be accompanied by a more balanced and equitable distribution of its benefits. Otherwise, the global response to challenges will remain uneven and partial at best."

The NAM Summit adopted five documents and urged solidarity among member-countries so that the group could adequately respond to global threats and challenges.

The five documents are: 'Declaration on purposes and principles and the role of the NAM in present international juncture', 'Final document', 'Document on methodolo-

gy plan of action', 'Declaration on Palestine' and 'Statement on the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear issue'.

In his address, while stressing the relevance of NAM, Manmohan Singh pointed out that NAM countries constitute more than half the membership of the U.N. Hence, he said: "The developing world must find its due representation among the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council. We must join hands with other like-minded

countries to promote democratisation of processes of global governance, ushering in a new global polity, based on the rule of law, reason and equity."

Noting that "our collective strength is unmatched", he said the NAM nations "must now unite behind a common and a fundamentally new vision of 'inclusive globalisation'".

Referring to the "war on terror" and the so-called "clash of civilisation", the Prime Minister said: "The NAM, encompassing as it does, every religion professed by mankind, every ethnic group and ideological persuasion, is uniquely placed today, once again, to play the role of a bridge of understanding. Our cooperative worldview is in itself a rejection of the notion of a 'clash of civilisations'. Rather, our message to the world should be that it is possible to work for a 'confluence of civilisations'."

For NAM to remain relevant in today's circumstances, "it cannot afford to equivocate on the subject of terrorism", he said.

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Annan hails NAM as symbol of 'new South'

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan has hailed the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) as a symbol of a "new South". "You are the symbol of a new and powerful South, a bridge between several countries, cultures and movements, a movement of the rapidly developing world," Annan told the 14th NAM Summit in Havana, Cuba, on September 15.

Annan urged an overhaul of the Security Council, saying the concept of power in the hands of its five permanent members is "bears the risk of undermining the authority and legitimacy" of the U.N. ■

Highlights of PM's Address at NAM

- The challenge before NAM is to make the process of globalisation "inclusive" and promote a "balanced and equitable" society.
- The developing world must find due representation among the permanent members of Security Council.
- Like-minded countries must join hands to promote democratisation of processes of global governance.
- NAM encompasses every religion professed by mankind, every ethnic group and ideological persuasion and is uniquely placed to be a bridge of understanding in a divided world.
- NAM worldview is a rejection of the notion of "clash of civilisations", the world should now work for a confluence of civilisations.
- NAM should not equivocate on the subject of terrorism. It should not allow the forces of extremism to distract attention from the problems of mass poverty, ignorance and disease.
- NAM must set up a high-level group for West Asia that will promote understanding in the region and assist in the implementation of a comprehensive and durable peace.
- NAM must articulate a new paradigm of energy security, set up a working group to draw up a NAM Action Plan for Energy Security to address the energy challenges of the future.