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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

SOLEMN OBSERVANCE OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST
CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF NON-ALIGNED
COUNTRIES

Letter dated 14 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, I have the honour to request, pursuant to rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-sixth session of the Assembly of an item entitled: "Solemn observance of the twentieth anniversary of the first Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum concerning the request is annexed to this letter.

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of the Republic of Cuba
to the United Nations
Chairman of the Non-Aligned Group
at the United Nations

ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. The year 1981 marks the twentieth anniversary of the First Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 1 to 6 September 1961.
2. From a founding membership of 25 countries, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries has now a membership embracing all regions of the world and representing virtually two thirds of the United Nations, attesting to the increasing validity of its principles.
3. The policy of non-alignment and the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries have in the last 20 years played a positive and potent role in the development of international relations on the basis of peaceful co-operation among nations, in the promotion and strengthening of international peace and security, disarmament, decolonization and the establishment of a new international economic order. In this context, during these 20 years, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries has significantly contributed to the strengthening of the role of the United Nations Organization and its various organs and agencies.
4. It is therefore appropriate that during the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, the twentieth anniversary of the First Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade in 1961, be observed.