



Online International Model Non-Aligned Movement Simulation Exercise

Dedicated to the 60th Anniversary of the Non-Aligned Movement

1-5 March 2021

Concept Note

I. Background info on the Non-Aligned Movement

The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is the biggest political forum after the United Nations, composed by 120 Member States from all parts of the globe. Currently there are also 17 states and 10 international organizations holding an observer status (see Annex 1).

The Movement was formed during the Cold War, as a group of States that did not seek to formally align themselves with either of the confronting blocs, but sought to remain independent or neutral. It was officially founded in 1961, at the Belgrade Summit, drawing on the principles (also known as Bandung Principles) agreed at the Afro-Asian Conference held in Bandung, Indonesia in 1955 that up to date still serve as the purposes and objectives of the policy of non-alignment.

At the beginning the Movement, its actions and endeavors constituted a key factor in the processes of decolonization, which then led to the achievement of the freedom and independence of many countries and peoples, and to the formation of new States that later became part of it.

Throughout its history, the Movement has played an important role in strengthening international peace and security, within the framework of its permanent quest for establishing a more peaceful and prosperous world. It persistently called for strict adherence to the norms and principles of international law and has provided major thrusts in the areas of disarmament, better economic wellbeing, social justice and environmental sustainability.

NAM does not have a formal constitution or permanent secretariat, and its administration is non-hierarchical and rotational. Decisions are made by consensus.

Summit Conference of the Heads of State and Government of NAM is the highest decision-making body of the Movement. The Summits are held in every three years. At each Summit, a new Head of State formally becomes the chairperson of NAM, and assumes that position until the next Summit. The chair is responsible for promoting the principles and activities of NAM, while the Foreign

Ministry and Permanent Mission in New York of the Chair's State assumes administrative responsibility.

II. Online International Model NAM Simulation Exercise

It will be a simulation of the Non-Aligned Movement high-level meeting where the participants will play the roles of dignitaries from different NAM Member States and attempt to solve real world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country. It will help the participants to get more acquainted with the political dynamics prevailing within the Movement and to strengthen their negotiations and problem-solving skills.

It will also enable the participants to better understand the interests, concerns and sensitivities of individual NAM Member States concerning certain issues of global agenda.

III. Format of the Exercise

Given the current circumstances with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be held in a virtual format where the participants will be connected to the exercise via Zoom platform.

The participants will meet at the online simulated format of the Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government of NAM and hold consultations over a fictitious scenario-based situation related to one or more NAM Member States. The consultations will be followed by the adoption of an outcome document of the Extraordinary Summit. Due to the time difference between NAM Member States located in different geographical locations, discussions in subgroups will be organized based on geographic distribution of the participants.

A week before the event, the participants will receive instructions on technical requirements for joining the simulation, as well as information on simulation scenario.

Prior to the event, the participants will pass online pre-simulation preparatory period, including testing of individual technical capabilities of each participant, providing explanations for working methods of NAM and tips for simulation exercise.

On the first day of the exercise, the participants will receive information on the general description of the crisis situation. It may later be followed by several common and individual instructions, as the consultations and negotiations advance.

The delegates will be encouraged to hold separate bilateral and multilateral consultations to agree on the issues related to the common agenda, as well as on the text of the draft outcome document of the Summit.

Some of the participants will be assigned the roles of media agencies that will provide the media coverage of the deliberations by interviewing delegates, organizing press-conferences and displaying news broadcasts.

Based on the prevailing content of consultations, the chairing country will prepare a draft outcome document for the consideration and adoption by the Extraordinary Summit.

The exercise will be held in 4 days with additional one day for online pre-simulation preparation.



Number of delegations: **35**

Number of media representatives: **9**

Total: **44**

IV. Selection process

The participants of the Online International Model NAM Simulation Exercise will be selected based on the competitive application procedure.

Application process is consisted of application form (including motivation letter) and if needed, by phone/online interview.

Young people between the ages of 18 and 29 are invited to apply for the event by filling out and submitting the application form **no later than 14 February 2021**.

Application form could be found in the website of the Azerbaijani Chairmanship to NAM - www.namazerbaijan.org. Filled in application forms should be sent to the email address nammodel@mfa.gov.az

The short-listed applicants will be selected based on their educational and professional background, as well as expressed motivation for attendance and will be contacted by the organizers for an interview. Successful candidates will receive invitation letter to attend the Simulation Exercise.

The principle of equitable geographic representation will be ensured in the selection process.

The exercise will be conducted in English. Therefore, all nominees should have an excellent command of English in both writing and speaking.

V. Certificates

Upon successful completion of the Simulation Exercise, all participants will receive certificates issued by the Chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the NAM.

For any further inquiries please contact the following email address: nammodel@mfa.gov.az

DRAFT PROGRAM

(GMT+4, Baku time)

2 March – 16:00 – 19:00 Opening and Plenary session

19:30 – 20:30 Media Briefing

20:30 – 22:30 Regional Focus Group Discussion of participants from Latin American region

3 March – 12:00 – 14:00 Regional Focus Group Discussion of participants from Asian Region

14:00 – 16:00 Regional Focus Group Discussion of participants from European and African Regions

16:00 – 19:00 Plenary / General Discussions

19:00 – 20:00 Media Briefing

20:00 – 22:00 Regional Focus Group Discussion of participants from Latin American region

4 March – 12:00 – 14:00 Regional Focus Group Discussion of participants from Asian Region

14:00 – 16:00 Regional Focus Group Discussion of participants from European and African Regions

16:00 – 19:00 Circulation of the Draft Outcome Document / Drafting

19:00 – 20:00 Media Briefing

5 March – 16:00 – 17:00 Pre-drafting negotiations

17:00 – 19:00 Drafting and Adoption

19:00 – 20:00 Media Briefing

20:00 – 20:30 Closing Remarks and Certification



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Online Workshop Program (Baku time, GMT+4)		
Topic	Date and time	Presenter <i>(short biography is attached)</i>
Part 1 - Introduction to the Non-Aligned Movement Part 2 - Basics of Diplomatic Correspondence Part 3 - Diplomatic Negotiations in Practice Part 4 - Work of Media during the Simulation Exercise	1 March 16:00 – 19:00	Mr. Yalchin RAFIYEV, Head of International Security Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Online Simulation Exercise Program (Baku time, GMT+4)	
2 March 2021	
15:30-16:00	Connection and quality test
16:00 – 16:30	Opening and key note remarks - H.E. Mr. Jeyhun BAYRAMOV, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan - Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth (TBC)
16:30 – 18:30	Plenary session (initial reactions to the situation)
18:30 – 19:30	Bilateral/multilateral negotiations – formation of groups/alliances



19:30 – 20:30	Media briefing
20:30 – 22:30	Focus Group Discussion among NAM Member States represented by participants from Latin American Region
3 March 2021	
12:00 – 14:00	Focus Group Discussion among NAM Member States represented by participants from Asia Region
14:00 – 16:00	Focus Group Discussion among NAM Member States represented by participants from European and African Regions
16:00 – 17:30	Plenary / General discussions (reactions to the new developments) - followed by circulation of the draft Declaration by the Chair
17:30 – 18:00	Break
18:00 – 19:00	Bilateral/multilateral negotiations
19:00 – 20:00	Media briefing
20:00 – 22:00	Focus Group Discussion among NAM Member States represented by participants from Latin American Region
4 March 2021	
12:00 – 14:00	Focus Group Discussion among NAM Member States represented by participants from Asia Region
14:00 – 16:00	Focus Group Discussion among NAM Member States represented by participants from European and African Regions
16:00 – 18:00	Plenary / circulation of the zero draft version of the outcome document by the Chair / Drafting
18:00 – 19:00	Bilateral/multilateral negotiations
19:00 – 20:00	Media briefing
5 March 2021	
16:00 – 17:00	Pre-drafting informal negotiations
17:00 – 19:00	Plenary / Drafting and Adoption of the outcome document
19:00 – 20:00	Media briefing
20:00 – 21:00	Conclusion of the event / closing remarks by the representative of the MFA of Azerbaijan / Certification Ceremony





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Procedural and Technical Modalities

1. Coordination: WhatsApp group will be established for facilitating communication among participants.

2. Meeting ID: Before the start of each day of the workshop and the simulation, the ID for the Zoom meeting will be shared in the Whatsapp group **"NAM Model Participants"**

3. Delegates will represent the assigned States in the capacity of Heads of State or Government during Plenary Sessions and in the capacity of Ministers of Foreign Affairs during Focus Group Discussions and Drafting Sessions.

Participants are requested to change their displayed names in Zoom software to the name of their assigned States and to add the emoji flags of their assigned States to the end of those displayed names. Displayed names can be changed either through editing the name and surname in participant's Zoom profile by signing in to the account via www.zoom.us in the browser or through changing the displayed username for the specific meeting only. To change the name for the specific meeting, the following steps can be taken: *"during the meeting click on **Participants** → bring the mouse to your actual username → **More** → **Rename**"*. Alternatively, before the participant joins the meeting, Zoom application might ask her/him to type a username for joining the meeting, where the name of the assigned State could be written.

4. Opening Session: will start on 2 March, at 4:00 p.m. (Baku time, GMT+4), with the statements by the keynote speakers.

5. Plenary Session: will be opened by the Chair (*participant representing Azerbaijan - incumbent chair of the Non-Aligned Movement*) of the meeting followed by statements of other NAM Member States. Each delegation will have a right to speak for 2-3 minutes.

Delegations wishing to deliver statement at the plenary session should inform the Chair by sending a Note-Verbale (*the participants will be trained how to compose a Note-Verbale at pre-simulation online workshops*) on a day prior to the first plenary session, i.e. on 1 March via e-mail (*contact list of all participants will be distributed*).



At the end of the day of 1 March the Chair will distribute the list of speakers to all participants. If any participant will not see her/his name in the list, he/she should immediately contact the Chair for necessary adjustments.

6. List of speakers: The list of speakers for the Plenary Session will be made on a “first come, first served” basis.

Considering the technical features of Zoom software, delegates’ microphones must stay “Muted” during the sessions, unless they are given the floor to speak by the Chair.

Each delegate can speak only once during each plenary session. If the list of speakers is exhausted before the end of the session, the remaining time might be made available to deliver additional remarks.

7. Point of order: If one delegate violates the conduct of the meeting (*f.e. engage in a non-constructive or disrespectful manner*), any other delegate can raise “a point of order”. Delegates, who want to raise “a point of order” during the statement of another delegate, should type “Point of order” to the **“General Chat of the meeting”**. Pursuant to that request, the Chair will give the floor to the requesting delegation for delivering a “point of order”.

8. Right of reply is a right to defend oneself against accusation made by another delegate. At the end of each plenary session (*if time allows*) or during the next session, delegates will have the possibility to exercise their right of reply. Any delegate, who wishes to exercise this right should type “right of reply” to the **“General Chat of the meeting”**.

P.S. Please note that only those delegates whose names will be voiced out in the statement of another delegate in an insulted or otherwise degrading manner can request a right of reply.

9. Distribution of documents: Each Delegate can share documents related to the agenda of the exercise (*their statements, position papers, MoUs, non-papers and etc.*) via **“File sharing”** option at the **“General chat of the Meeting”**.

10. Bilateral meetings: Delegates are encouraged to hold separate bilateral and multilateral consultations and to form alliances during the time allocated for bilateral/multilateral negotiations. Delegates can choose any means (*separate chats, Whatsapp messaging etc.*) that are suitable for them to conduct such discussions.

11. Media briefing: Nine of the participants will be assigned the roles of media agencies. They will provide the media coverage of the deliberations during the time allocated for media briefing by **a) interviewing delegates, b) organizing press-conferences, c) displaying news broadcasts or d) sharing advance prepared news articles.**

Media representatives are recommended to ask each participant questions related to the discussions, either in written form and/or by asking them to answer questions through self-recorded video files.

Written answers must be placed in a template of respective news agency and distributed among the participants during media briefing part of the program. Recorded video files must be merged



with presentation of respective correspondent and displayed as “News Broadcast” during media briefing part of the program (*details will be explained at the online workshops*).

12. Drafting session: In accordance with the prevailing content of the consultations during the plenary sessions, the Chair will prepare a draft outcome document for consideration and adoption by the Extraordinary Summit.

During the drafting sessions the delegates will consider and give proposals (if any) to the text paragraph-by-paragraph.

Each delegate will have the right to propose amendments and/or additions/removals to the suggested text. Delegates are recommended to formulate their proposals in exact wording and provide short explanation for their suggestions.

Delegate willing to suggest a proposal should type “request for the floor” in the ***“General Chat of the meeting”***.





Application Form for Online International Model Non-Aligned Movement Simulation Exercise

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- Name and Surname:

- Date of birth:

- E-mail address:

- Contact Number:

- Current affiliation (workplace / name of educational institution):

- Study field:

- Do you have any experience in simulation exercises? If yes, please indicate the conference, year and the role you performed:

- What are your motivation and expectation for participating in the simulation exercise (please, explain briefly min. 100 – max. 300 words)?

- How do you see the role of the Non-Aligned Movement in strengthening multilateralism? (please, explain briefly min.100 - max. 300 words)?

- How do you think the Chairmanship of Azerbaijan to the Non-Aligned Movement can contribute to this process (please, describe briefly min.100 - max. 300 words)?

- How do you see the role of the youth in advancing the values and principles of the Non-Aligned Movement (please, describe briefly min.100 - max. 300 words)?

- Have you ever attended the web-based event? If yes, which one and how was your impression?

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- Do you have the following technical capabilities to attend the event? (please put "+" or "-" signs after each option)
 - Web-camera
 - Microphone
 - Zoom software
 - High-speed internet connection

PLEASE, SEND THE FILLED APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS:
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Azerbaijani Chairmanship organizes first-ever Online International Model NAM Simulation Exercise

The Azerbaijani Chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement will organize the first-ever Online International Model NAM Simulation Exercise from 1 to 5 March 2021. The simulation exercise is dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the Movement.

The event will bring together more than 40 young participants performing the roles of high-level dignitaries from the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement.

More detailed information on the Simulation Exercise can be found in the "Events" section of the webpage of the NAM Chairmanship.

<https://namazerbaijan.org/events>