

DECLARATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS ON THE FINAL DECLARATION OF ASIA AFRICA SUMMIT 2005 (NAASP/New Asia Africa Strategic Partnership)

Following the final declaration of Asia-Africa Summit 2005, several N.G.Os representing Civil Society and Social Movements propose their declaration to be announced in Jakarta on April 27, 2005.

They welcome warmly the revival of Bandung Spirit expressed in the NAAP (New Asia Africa Strategic Partnership). They support some points and are concerned by the lack of other points. For example, they welcome the strategic cooperation between China and India while expecting that this cooperation could play the role of “locomotive” instead of the threat for cooperation and solidarity of Asia and Africa. They welcome also the excuses presented by Japan for their crimes during the World War II.

However, they are concerned by the facts that in many Asian and African countries people still live under the absolute poverty, the states survive under the enormous debts, corruption, violences and human rights violations, war against terrorism, ethnic and religious conflicts,...

They welcome the principle of multilateralism in world order and support the reform and democratisation of international institutions such as UN, IMF, World Bank, and WTO. Yet, they regret that the NAAP does not pay sufficient attention to certain fundamental issues as far as Asian and African countries are concerned, namely economic justice at national, regional as well as global level. They regret also that the NAAP does not have common strategy in dealing with issues on debt, world trade, technology dependency and transfer. They are concerned by the fact that the NAAP does not have critical attitude on the behaviour, the power and the impacts of TNC (Trans National Corporation) on the people's living and environment.

They propose some recommendations to the governments of Asia and Africa. Among the most important ones is that the governments should facilitate the meetings of civil society and people's movements (People to People) of Asia and Africa in order to improve the Asian-African solidarity facing the globalisation. They recommend also that the states of Asia and Africa should unite in order to reform and democratise the international institutions such as UN, IMF, World Bank and WTO to be conformed with the principle of multilateralism.

To the civil society and people's movements, they recommend for a continuous cooperation in order to liberate the peoples from any kind of exploitation, oppression and colonisation, either by the “global empire” or “local empire”.

The declaration is signed by CCA, IGJ, INFID, ICRP, JKLPK, POKJA PLP.

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