



*Prime Minister  
Sri Lanka*

Colombo, June 24, 1976.

Excellency,

As you know, the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries will be held in Colombo in August this year. The schedule of meetings agreed to by the Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries at Lima in August 1975 is as follows :

August 9 - 11th, 1976 - Bureau (Officials)

August 11 - 14th, 1976 - Foreign Ministers

August 16 - 19th, 1976 - Heads of State or Government

The Non-Aligned Movement has now been in existence for fifteen years. During this period it has witnessed a remarkable growth in its membership and in its role in world affairs. The Summit Meetings in Belgrade, Cairo, Lusaka and Algiers have charted a course for the nations of the Non-Aligned Movement which has contributed substantially to the strengthening of their independence, unity and solidarity, and community of purpose. I need not elaborate on the contribution that the Non-Aligned States have made towards world peace and co-operation, and the creation of a New International Economic Order based on equality and justice. It is a matter for satisfaction that we have had the understanding and sympathy of countries such as yours for the aspirations of the Non-Aligned States.

It gives me great pleasure to extend an invitation to your Government to participate as a Guest at the Conference.

With the highest consideration.

*Sirima R.D. Bandaranaike*

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His Excellency Mr. Pierre Graber,  
President,  
The Swiss Confederation.