

**1022. Letter from Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq to Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi.**

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Her Excellency  
Madam Indira Gandhi,  
Prime Minister of India  
New Delhi

*Dear Madam Prime Minister,*

I should like to convey to Your Excellency my profound gratitude and appreciation for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality extended by you and the people of India to myself and the members of my delegation during our memorable stay in the beautiful city of New Delhi.

I should also like to offer to Your Excellency my personal congratulations for the great success of the largest ever summit Conference of the Non aligned Movement which it was India's privilege to host, a fact which was all the more remarkable considering the limited time available for completing the mammoth physical arrangements that it entailed. May I acknowledge that the momentous impact of the Summit was as much a result of the meticulous preparations undertaken by the Government of India as it was a tribute to yours personal qualities of leadership which played such a pivotal part in the triumph of our collective endeavours.

Since its inception over two decades ago, the Non aligned Movement has made remarkable progress in the realization of its objectives and now constitutes one of the most influential forums in the world. Following the New Delhi Conference, the Non-aligned countries can take due pride in the fact that the Movement has been strengthened and now constitutes a more potent force for peace than ever before. Doubts and fears regarding the fundamental unity of the Movement have been set at rest. The credit for successfully steering the course of the Conference away from sterile debate and into constructive channels, which hold greater promise for the future, is due in large measure to Your Excellency's personal efforts.

It was a particular pleasure to meet Your Excellency again and to witness the signing of the agreement to establish the Pakistan - India Joint Ministerial

Commission, which in my view, is an event of historic import and far-reaching significance. I am confident that the formation of the Commission, headed by our respective Foreign Ministers, will provide the impetus for strengthening our bilateral relations and exploring the potential for enhancing our cooperative ties in a number of spheres. It will also foster greater confidence and trust between our two countries and, in the process, promote the peace and stability of our region to the mutual benefit of our two peoples.

I have no doubt that as Chairman of the Non-aligned Movement, Your Excellency's wise and dynamic direction would create yet greater cohesion and unity in the Movement enlarge cooperation amongst its member states and enhance their capability to rise to the challenges faced by them and the Non-aligned Movement itself.

May I assure, Your Excellency of Pakistan's unstinted support and cooperation in furthering the cause of our Movement and freeing our people from economic and political dominance, leading to a new world order which would fulfill the fundamental needs and, indeed, reflect the highest ideals of the human race.

*With profound regards,*

*Yours sincerely*  
**(General M. Zia-ul-Haq)**

(words in italics were hand written)

