

Closing Remarks
H. E. Joko Widodo
President of The Republic of Indonesia
at
The Asian-African Summit

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Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Peace be upon us,

Your Majesties, Your Excellencies, Leaders of the Asian-African Nations,
Your Excellencies Heads of Delegation,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

For two days, I have enjoyed the enthusiasm, warmth and brotherhood among us, among the delegations as well as observers of the Asian-African Conference.

During that period, we have wholeheartedly worked hard to produce concrete steps in strengthening and advancing a more peaceful and fair world order; in working towards the achievement of mutually-beneficial cooperation; in bridging development gaps; in realizing the independence of Palestine; and in ensuring the financial availability for infrastructure development, among others through the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

We have successfully adopted three important outcome documents, namely **the Bandung Message, the Declaration on Reinvigorating the New Asian African Strategic Partnership** and **the Declaration on Palestine**.

I, therefore, would like to express my appreciation for the enthusiasm and the commitment of Your Majesties and Excellencies, and of all parties involved in the formulation of the outcome documents and in the convening of this Summit.

Your Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

This Summit is one of the largest intergovernmental forums outside the framework of the United Nations, participated by Asian and African countries as well as a number of observers.

The voices in the Summit represent the voices of Asia and Africa.

Thus, people of the world should listen to the voices and decisions we made during the Summit.

In the Summit, we have agreed to reinvigorate the core ideas of the South-South movement, namely **prosperity, solidarity** and **stability of the Asian African nations**.

We have agreed to establish a network of peacekeeping centers in the two regions, to facilitate capacity building cooperation.

We all condemn acts of extremism and terrorism in the name of religions, and promote dialogues among cultures and religions.

We agreed to foster trade and investment as the engine for growth.

In this regard, we will pursue a fair multilateral trading system, which is pro-growth and inclusive; which would contribute to growth, investment and job opportunities; and which promotes sustainable development.

We recognize the centrality of the maritime sector as well as the strategic importance of the Indian Ocean in bridging the economic development in Asia and Africa.

In this regard, maritime cooperation will become one of the pillars of the New Asian African Strategic Partnersip.

I will work hard with all of you to ensure the materialization of the Strategic Partnership.

I will also strive, with your support, for the prosperity, equality and stability of all Asian and African countries.

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to once again express my appreciation for your presence, hard work, sincerity, and valuable contribution.

All this is geared towards the South-South dignity and success which always uphold the principles of humanity and eternal peace.

With these words, I declare the 2015 Asian-African Conference closed.

Wassalamu'alaikum warohmatullahi wabarokatuh.

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