

Lum/088/0001/01

Doc. No.19/18

7th AAPSO CONGRESS

New Delhi: November 24 - 28, 1988

D E C L A R A T I O N

The Seventh Congress of AAPSO, meeting at a crucial juncture of history, shares the new hopes of the people which have arisen with the process initiated by the Soviet-American INF Treaty for destroying for the first time a category of nuclear weapons. This process to which the rising peoples struggle for peace, disarmament and development, democracy and better life has made the major contribution, lays the basis for a qualitatively new period ahead.

Standing at this threshold, the Seventh Congress pledges to carry forward the struggle for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons, <sup>for economic decolonisation,</sup> for a world free from exploitation, national oppression, deprivation, and for a global all-embracing security.

Meeting in New Delhi, this Congress recalls India's glorious traditions of struggle against imperialism, colonialism, and racism. The Congress notes India's contribution for world peace and lauds the principles embodied in the Delhi Declaration of 1986, the Soviet proposals for a nuclear weapon-free world and India's action plan presented to the Third UN Special Session on Disarmament.

This Congress warns the people to be vigilant against the nefarious efforts of imperialism to undermine the process of peace and its new manoeuvres and machinations to continue its policy of aggression and exploitation.

The Seventh Congress of AAPSO draws the urgent attention of people to:

- The necessity for the strengthening of the struggle for elimination of the last vestiges of colonialism and racism;
- The neo-colonial penetration which subverts true economic and political independence;
- The continuing imperialist intervention and violations of sovereignty of countries and human rights;
- The dangers emanating from racist and other discriminatory policies;
- The continuous plunder of resources and the increasing disparities in the distribution of global wealth and technology, resulting in mounting debts, worsening conditions of deprivation and hunger for vast areas of the world;
- The recent dialogue between the USSR and USA to promote the process of peace, disarmament and resolution of regional conflicts.

These define the priorities and the tasks of AAPSO which rely on enlightening and mobilising the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America as a catalytic factor for progressive developments:

- To actively involve people in the struggle for world peace and disarmament;
- To fight for the complete elimination of colonialism, racism, apartheid and zionism, and <sup>to</sup> support by all means the liberation movements;

- to mobilise the masses for practical support to the people struggling against occupation and intervention, <sup>for</sup> and/consolidation of sovereignty;
- For global economic security, for a New International Economic Order.

The Seventh AAPSO Congress feels that to achieve the above objectives, the unity, cooperation and solidarity of developing and socialist countries as well as all peace and progressive forces the world over is an imperative necessity.

We all aspire for a world

- Free of confrontation
- Free of hunger
- Free of discrimination
- Free of oppression

We call upon all people to join forces for a new world, a world of freedom, of justice and of peace.

----