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60th Anniversary of AAPSO

Remarks of Mr. Yasuhiro Tanaka director of Japan AALA, at the 60th anniversary that was held in Cairo, Egypt from 14-15 January 2018.

Dear friends

On behalf of Japan AALA member 3,500 people, I thank you for inviting me to the 60th anniversary of the AAPSO meeting. It is my great honor to express an opinion on "discussion paper" on this occasion. Japan AALA adopted an Action Program at the 53rd National Congress in September 2017. In which you will find our basic assessment of international affairs. According to it, I would like to briefly express a few points.

First of all, I share the evaluation on the positive role that AAPSO has played in different challenges. I would like to thank AAPSO member organizations for their solidarity with Japanese people's fighting for the elimination of nuclear weapons, the return to the mainland of Okinawa, and the removal of the US military bases in Japan.

Secondly, in summing up for 60 years, it is necessary to draw lessons from the problems we faced in each era. In particular, I think that it is necessary to look at the fact and reasons that AAPSO suspended activities for a certain period of time immediate after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Thirdly, I would like to propose several points added in the paper. One is a huge structural change that is occurring in the world politics. While we need to be vigilant on the danger of military hegemonism by the United States, the Trump Administration is losing leadership with political isolation. Instead the emerging countries like China, India and No allied countries are playing more important role.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted in 2017 in favor of 122 United Nations member countries which was a historical step toward the world without nuclear weapons.

I wish the developments in East Asia be added in the paper, such as People's struggle for creation of community of peace in East Asia and popular resistance the pressing of

neoliberalism.

Finally I think it important to refer on the struggle of the people in the Latin America and the Caribbean states against the United States domination and interference.

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A discussion paper on the 60th anniversary of Solidarity, prepared by Permanent Secretariat of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization.

Since the Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization is a basic part of the human and liberal heritage of mankind seeking a better future... As it is our duty to hand this heritage for the new generations to continue the march of humanity forward for a world in which peace and justice are achieved. On the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization (AAPSO) and in the light of historical experiences, events and developments in today's world, we present our perceptions and assessment of the current situation in the international arena, which leads us to a necessary and urgent conclusion:

The world needs the Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization more than ever before, when it was established on 25 December 1957 to 11 1958.

The Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Movement has played a historic role in the promotion of the national liberation movement in Africa and the liberation of African, Asian and Latin American peoples from the colonial yoke, the prevention of the West-East confrontation, the relaxation of the Cold War tensions, the fight of stop the arms race, the end of apartheid and the signing of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the establishment of the Non-Aligned Movement, which includes more than 118 countries and in the field of independent economic development, and the Non-Aligned Movement became the second largest movement after the United Nations.

The Bandung Conference on April 18, 1955 was a new beginning for the future of mankind, and the first attempt by the South countries in Africa and Asia to declare their ambition and determination to protect their economic interests and national independence in the face of colonial domination.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Bandung Conference, the "New

Asian-African Strategic Partnership" was announced at the summit held in the same city of Bandung, with 106 countries including 45 Asian countries and 52 African countries.

Today, the world is facing a global threat that endangers the whole human race that obliges the Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization to play the role in facing the new challenges.

The Swiss writer and thinker Jean Ziegler says:

"This is the world of predators" or say this world of pirates and bandits in a world that is getting worse, and the economy is launching the great thefts of countries and peoples. It is a grotesque world. Advocates of cold and hot wars - even nuclear weapons - and agents and brokers of arms dealers, neoconservatives, and extreme rightists occupy central positions in the state governing institutions ruling in the United States of America. NATO officials make daily statements and declaration about the need for continued aggression against Russia. There are those who make the last nail in the coffin of the United Nations, which is unable to abide by the principles of international law and to implement the goals and the Charter of the world Organization, which was supposed to be the conscience of the world. The wars of intervention, invasions and attacks on multiple countries are unchecked as well as the wars of changing regimes in other countries. The "deep state", stakeholders, corporations and major banks play the role of decision-maker. (The military spending in the world rose in 2015 to \$ 1676 billion.

The US military budget in 2018 amounts to 1.2 billion dollars, the largest budget in the history of the world to implement the largest weapons program so far. There are plans to renew and develop American nuclear weapons. The administration of former US President Barack Obama, as well as the administration of current US President Donald Trump, has requested \$ 1 trillion to modernize the US nuclear arsenal. The Pentagon's Scientific Defense Committee has revealed the frantic climate of war now prevailing in Washington when it advised the US administration last December to develop smaller nuclear weapons so that the United States has more options for launching "limited" wars against other nuclear Powers.

There is now in Washington the presumption that the United States could launch the first nuclear strike to Russia so suddenly that the Russian nuclear arsenal could be paralyzed and "cut off its command."

Although the United States has produced about 70,000 nuclear weapons since the end of the Second World War in 1945, and despite accidental nuclear explosions on American

soil and its concealment from the world, hawks in Washington are deliberating the idea of taking more aggressive measures against Russia after they convinced themselves that US nuclear capabilities are far superior than Russia's nuclear capabilities. Following the escalation of military tension between NATO and Russia, some experts - such as former US Secretary of Defense William Perry - have warned that the world is on the edge of a "nuclear disaster" as compared to any time during the Cold War.

The US Air Force and the US Navy plan to purchase Lockheed Martin's advanced F-35 aircraft worth more than \$ 1 trillion, after the belief in Washington is that military spending should be greater than ever before Russia can be dealt with. The Atlantic Alliance is also required to increase its military spending. The 12 new members of Eastern Europe in the Atlantic alliance have bought US arms worth billions of dollars, leading to a financial booming for US arms companies.

"It is the Atlantic Alliance that has moved towards our borders, and we are not moving anywhere," Russian President Vladimir Putin said. The United States and NATO have established the so-called anti-missile missile shield on European territory in the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania and the Baltic states, and 300 thousand NATO troops have been mobilized on Russia's border waiting for a battle with the Russians. About 30 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the dissolution of the Warsaw treaty, war advocates still think Russia as a direct threat to the security, interests and existence of the United States and that it is a challenger to its foreign policy. "Putin is even more dangerous than Daesh on the world" said Senator John McCain.

Anyone who follows the hysteria that is sweeping the United States now, both at the governmental and media levels, feels that the time has returned to the 1950s, the days of the height of the American cry and chaos against the "Communist Soviet enemy" that threatens America and the free world! The allegations about "the impossibility of achieving peace with Putin" are constantly being heard. The arrival of "Moscow's hidden hands in moving internal political crises and influencing the election results" even led to the accusation that Moscow had put Donald Trump in the White House!! The use of catastrophic methods to promote calls for war is being used. It was noted that the hysterical cries for war against Russia have increased sharply in the United States after the Ukrainian crisis, which is, in fact, the creation of Washington, which orchestrated a fascist coup to overthrow the President of Ukraine to replace him one of its followers. The call for the US administration to "gather its will" and topple Russian President Putin has multiplied.

American writer Robert Perry says Washington hawks are now eager to wage a new war against Russian.

Wars continue in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Somalia. About 10,000 US troops remain in Afghanistan. The United States maintains about 800 military bases around the world, and its aircraft carriers are mobile military bases. There are also US Special Forces in 70% of the world (138 countries). In 2016, the Obama administration threw at least 26,171 bombs in different locations, ie 72 bombs every day or three bombs per hour, either on combatants or civilians. The United States has been using drones extensively to strike targets in several countries since 2002, and thousands of civilian casualties are "accidentally" lost.

The Permanent Secretariat of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization announced on 11 February 2016 that international terrorism is expanding and spreading and is threatening all continents of the world. It extends from Afghanistan through the Arab world to North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, Asia. Now it is hitting in Europe.

It has been warned by the Permanent Secretariat of the AAPSO that this expansion and spread of terrorists is not in isolation from the forces supporting terrorism, which trained, financed and armed for the implementation of agendas and schemes hostile to the interests of peoples.

And what is happening in Syria, Iraq and Libya. As well as the multiple forms of terrorism in Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Yemen, and African and Asian countries. Indicates that the phenomenon of terrorism has become part of the global agenda of major countries. Thus, terrorist organizations were used as tools to change the regimes in certain countries, to overthrow the national state, to tear apart other countries and turn them fragile, weak and rival entities suffering from sectarian, , ethnic and tribal divisions.

From the very beginning, AAPSO had been aware that terrorism threatened civil peace, social cohesion and national unity, and was aware that some States had not benefited from the experience of al-Qaida.

At the Colombo meeting in 2002, the AAPSO stressed that terrorism can only be eradicated by combating extremist ideas and, eradicating poverty and its social basis and the need to settle international issues in the interests of the peoples of the world.

It is true that what we affirmed at the Colombo meeting is manifested today by unprecedented global terrorism and extremist terrorist organizations that practice mass murder, the burning of human beings, the cutting off of innocent heads, the pillaging of women, the destruction of peoples' memory, culture and heritage and the destruction of their treasures, history and civilization.

Terrorism in the Arab world, North and West Africa, Afghanistan and other Asian countries. It has become a part of most of the world's continents. We are now witnessing a situation in the Arab world and Africa of cracking and collapse.

The United States and other countries have provided support to terrorist organizations and continue to use the Syrian Al-Nasra Front as a tool to destroy the Syrian state and divide Syria, and to destroy Libya and turn it into an open arena for terrorist organizations.

The United States rejects calls for international cooperation to fight terrorism for the reasons cited above.

The task of mobilizing the peoples of Africa and Asia to eradicate the roots of terrorism has become an urgent and pressing task facing the Solidarity movement.

It is a task to save the human race and at the same time eliminate the tools used by the enemies of freedom and progress to block the path of liberation, democracy and human rights, the principle of citizenship and pluralism, freedom of thought and belief, independent economic development and cultural prosperity.

The deterioration of the situation in the Arab world, Africa and other parts of the world that the number of refugees across the globe amounted to more than sixty four million until October 2016. Also the United Nations statistics indicate that from 2000 to the middle of 2015, about 22 thousand people sank in the Mediterranean Sea as they try to reach the shores of Europe.

The number of refugees in the Arab world has reached 5.6 million refugees by 2015. There are reports from European Union countries that the number of illegal immigrants in

Europe reaches one million. Human trafficking became second only to the arms and drug trade.

Despite 50 years of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian and Syrian territories, US support for the Israeli occupation, settlement and Judaization has hampered so far the return of land and rights to its owners. The \$ 38 billion deal, like US military support for Israel over a 10-year period, represents Israel's highest figure in the history of its relationship with America, and it is Washington's biggest support for any country in its history.

The withdrawal of the United States from the climate agreement was a blow to the peoples of the world after most countries signed that agreement in Paris. This means that a superpower explicitly declares its determination to increase greenhouse gas emissions, to corrupt the farms of poor countries, to cause recurrent drought, devastating floods, landslides, and natural and health disasters. That is, it defies the entire world and threatens the planet.

We are in a world where the poor are growing poorer, while the rich are accumulating astronomical wealth. Only eight people have a fortune equal to that of half of the world's population.

This is so much for the solidarity movement to renew its activity and revive its role in order to establish a new world economic order that will allow the peoples of the world to benefit from their natural wealth and resources and to make a fundamental change in the international economic relations and economic liberalization of the countries of the South.

The AAPSO can become a socio-economic force that defends the rights and interests of developing countries. With the ebb and flow of the unipolar world and the emergence of a multi-polar world, the Organization can do more than it could have done in the preceding circumstances.

For example, the AAPSO can pursue its fundamental objective since its formation - which reflects the desire of the peoples of the world - to prohibit and prohibit the production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons, not just to prevent their use or threat of use. The organization can raise the banner of the independence of the national liberation, not allow interference in the internal affairs of other countries, end the threat of world war altogether,

prevent the return of the cold war, eliminate the concept of occupying another country's land, impose international cooperation against terrorism and protect development paths.

"We are not in a position where we can claim that we will change the world, but we can say that no one can reshape the world without us," Indian leader Jawaharlal Nehru said.

60 years ago, we have the courage and the ability to undertake the task of changing the world.