

ADDRESS OF H.E. BORISLAV PARAVAC,
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Your Majesties,
Your Highnesses,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to express my gratitude to HRH Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Emir of State of Qatar and the Chairman of the Second South Summit of the G77 & China for inviting me to attend it in the capacity of observer.

I come from Bosnia and Herzegovina, the country which was founded by dismantling of Yugoslavia. As the consequence, the country had a difficult tragedy, for the world the incomprehensible conflicts of the peoples who had once lived in Yugoslavia, which is to most of you known as one of the key founders of the Non-Alignment Movement.

At present our orientation, which finally aims at joining the countries of European Union, secures us the political stability and enables us to accept, through reforms in all sectors, conditions which EU puts in front of us.

However, our biggest problem is four-year war and post-war building of trust, and that is a long period which significantly sets back Bosnia and Herzegovina from modern economic flows, new technologies of the existing markets; thus Bosnia and Herzegovina's economic system is practically thrown at the beginning.

Listening to inaugural and other discussions and reading of Declaration's Draft inseparably connects me to problems of my country and enriches my knowledge in solving the crucial problem with which we in Bosnia and Herzegovina meet. Be assured that I will use all my efforts to promote your Declaration in my country.

Your convictions that solutions can be found in mutual and direct co-operation of G77 membering states have made me especially happy. Bosnia and Herzegovina would express its gratitude if it was to be found in such co-operation, respecting all of your principles.

Once again I want to congratulate the host of this meeting on excellent organization and cordially thank you for the invitation to this Summit.

Thank you.

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