



**Letter of Intent
FOR JOINT NOMINATION
BETWEEN
NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA
AND
NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA (ANRI)**

1. Parties

The parties to this LETTER OF INTENT FOR JOINT NOMINATION are

- The National Archives of India, hereafter referred to as "NAI"
- Arsip Nasional Republik Indonesia, the National Archives of the Republic of Indonesia, hereafter referred to as "ANRI"

2. Purpose

2.1. Both Parties are of the opinion that:

- a) **Unique:** The Asia Africa Conference of 1955, hereafter referred to as AAC, was a unique event in the history of post-war diplomacy and international relations. This was the first time ever that newly independent Asian and African states joined together in a movement which led to the development of a third force in international politics –one outside the immediate scope and control; of the US and Soviet dominated blocs- i.e. the Western "free-world" allies against the Communist bloc.
- b) **Of World significance.** Its world significance was indeed the creation of this third force through the AAC, the newly independent Asian and African countries found their voice for the first time in their post independent history, and their initiative, started in Bandung with the four initial sponsoring countries (Indonesia, India, Pakistan and Burma), gave birth six years (1961) later to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in which the founding fathers of the Bandung Conference -Sukarno, Nehru, together with U Nu, Sir John Kotawala (Sri Lanka), Mohammed Ali (Pakistan), would go on to play a leading role. Both the AAC and NAM changed the face of post-war politics and international relations.
- c) **Only one of its kind.** Indeed the AAC was unique –it was the only one of its kind- there were no other Bandung conferences, but it was sufficient to launch the NAM which changed the face of the Cold War era by giving the non-aligned Third World a voice.

2.2. Both Parties also:

- a) Recognize the importance of the AAC Archives to be preserved and are of the opinion that the archives should be registered in the Memory of the World, hereafter referred to as MoW, UNESCO International Register to ensure that the records of this historic conference are preserved for posterity, and to raise awareness amongst the international community regarding the key role of leading Asian and African countries in the post-war world in developing a third force outside the Western and Communist blocs.
- b) Intend to submit a joint nomination for inclusion of ACC Archives in MoW, UNESCO in 2015 through the International Screening Committee.

Objective.

- 2.3. The objective of this LETTER OF INTENT is to cooperate with ANRI in nominating the AAC archives, to be registered in the Register of the Memory of the World of UNESCO, according to the Guide Lines of UNESCO.
- 2.4. NAI herewith agreed to be a co-nominator, and will submit for registration of its archives of AAC of NAI to the UNESCO, according to the Guidelines of UNESCO.
- 2.5. The Co-Nomination will be submitted by the National Archives of India to UNESCO as soon as possible within this year (2015)
- 2.6. The National Archives of India is proud to be part of this noble endeavor, and for the strengthening of cooperation between the two National Archives.
- 2.7. This LETTER OF INTENT is in two originals, and both parties shall hold one original text.

Signed for and on behalf of:

The National Archives of India,



SREYA GUHA
Director General of Archives

Date: 13/02/ 2015

Arsip Nasional Republik Indonesia,
the National Archives of the Republic of
Indonesia,



RIZALI WILMAR INDRAKESUMA
Ambassador of the Republic of
Indonesia

Date: 13/02/ 2015