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Departure for Djakarta to attend the 10th NAM Summit

At the personal invitation of President Soehanto of Indonesia and in keeping with the tradition of OAU attendance in NAM Summit, I left Addis Ababa today for Djakarta to attend the 10th Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries.

Accompanied by Dr. Mapuranga, ASG, Political and Major Cuni Zongo, I left Addis-Ababa at 1615 hours - two hours behind schedule. We left via Asmara and Jeddah by Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET 678 (Boeing 757). We travelled together with the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Ato Tamrat Layne and his delegation which included Foreign Minister Seyoum Mesfin. The flight to Asmara took 1 hour and from Asmara to Jeddah we also took 1 hour.

After a short transit stop at Jeddah, officials of the Tanzania Embassy in Riyadh and Consulate in Jeddah came to receive us at the airport and took us to the VIP Lounge after some minutes of being abandoned at the international terminal.

At 2050 hours we left Jeddah for Djakarta via Abu Dhabi by Garuda Indonesian Airline Flight FA 991 (Boeing 747). The flight from Jeddah to Abu Dhabi took 2 hours 10 minutes. After an hour or so transit stop in Abu Dhabi, we left for Djakarta. The flight to Djakarta took 7 hrs 45 minutes.

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Around 1100 hours we arrived at Djakarta International Airport. Indonesia is four hours ahead of East African time. After Protocol formalities at the airport we were taken to the Burusoder Intercontinental Hotel where we were accommodated.

The NAM Summit begins tomorrow morning. I have in one capacity or another attended all but two Summits of the ten Summits of the NAM. I did not attend the Summit in 1961 (I was just completing secondary school then). Nor did I attend the Summit in Harare in 1986 as at that time I was Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and National Service. Otherwise I have attended all the other Summits. They include the Cairo summit (1964); the Lusaka Summit (1970); the Algiers Summit (1973); the Colombo Summit (1976); the Havanna Summit (1979) and the Belgrade Summit (1989).

This is my fourth visit to Indonesia. My first visit was in April 1963 when at a tender age of 21 I attended the First Afro-Asian Journalists Conference. Then I was Secretary General of the All Zanzibar Journalists Organization. My second visit was seventeen years later - in 1980 when I visited Indonesia as part of my tour which took me to Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia as President of the United Nations General Assembly. My third visit was a year later in 1981 when as Foreign Minister of Tanzania, I accompanied the then President of Tanzania on his state visit to Indonesia.

So much has changed in these years.