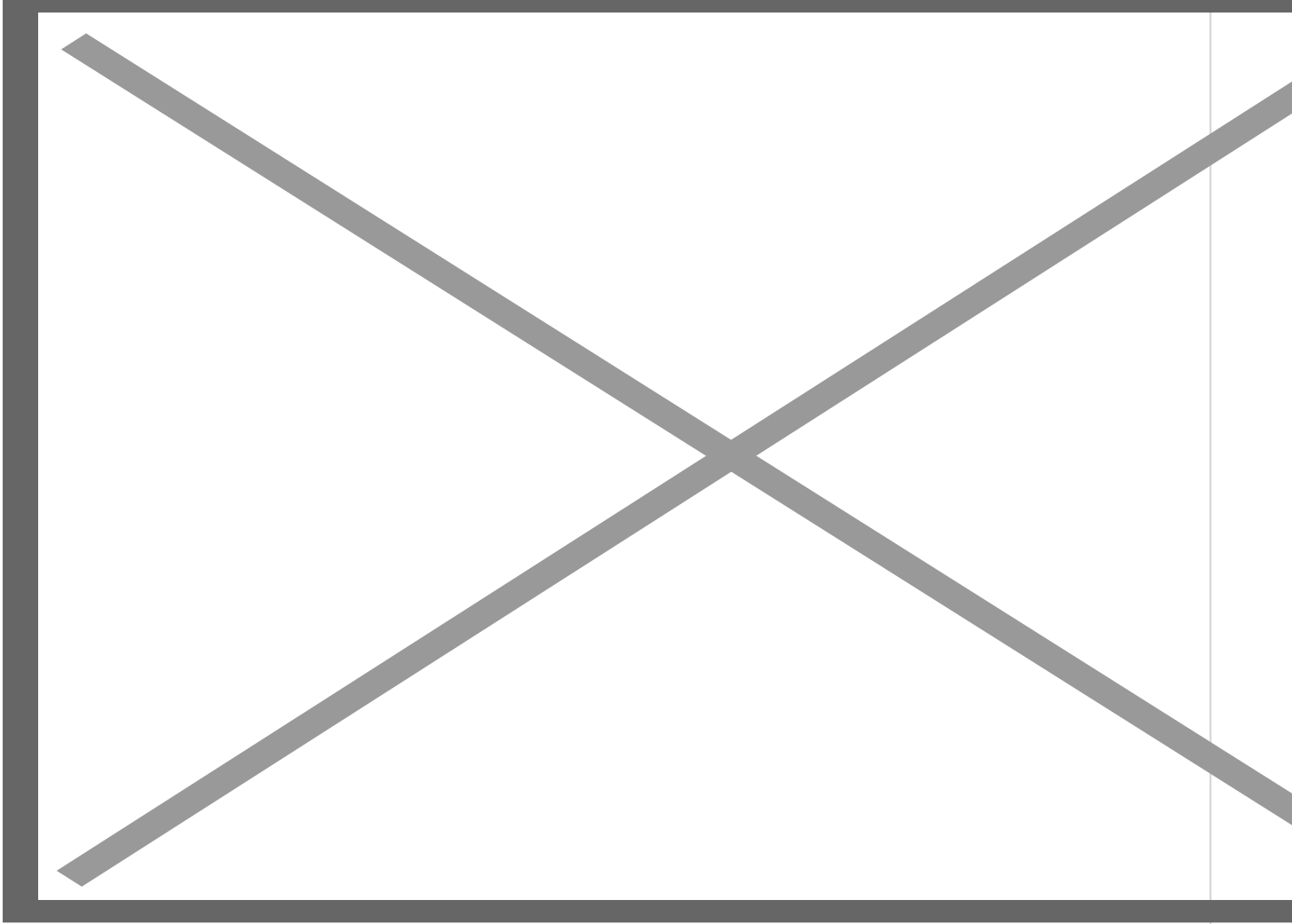


Ministerial summit underway in Serbia to commemorate 60th anniversary of Non-Aligned Movement

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The ministerial summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), which commemorates 60 years since it was formed.

Belgrade, October 11 (RHC)-- The President of the Republic of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, opened on Monday in Belgrade, the capital, the ministerial summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), which commemorates 60 years since it was formed.

The Serbian president welcomed delegations from 114 countries, including some 40 foreign ministers, among them the foreign ministers of Russia, Sergey Lavrov, and Venezuela, Felix Plasencia.

Vučić focused his opening speech at the conclave on the importance of opening up to multilateralism and encouraging dialogue as a way to promote peace.

Participating ministers will discuss for two days in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, located in southeastern Europe, the future of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The full membership of the NAM comprises 117 countries and one autonomous territory. By region, 53 African nations are participating; for Latin America, 26; for Asia, 38; and for Europe, Belarus.

The observer countries are Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Paraguay, Serbia, Montenegro, Ukraine and Uruguay.

The NAM was founded in the midst of the collapse of the colonial system and the emancipatory struggle of the peoples of Africa, Asia, Latin America and other regions of the world.

The group was created at the First Belgrade Summit Conference, held on September 1st to the 6th, 1961. The conference was attended by 28 countries (25 member countries and 3 observers), mainly newly independent states.

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