

In the Resolution on the Problems of Dependent Peoples, the Asian-African Conference declared that colonialism in all its manifestations was an evil which should speedily be brought to an end. The phrase "in all its manifestations" here denotes colonialism in its political, military, economic, cultural and social manifestations and thus there cannot possibly be any other interpretation.

The Declaration on the Promotion of World Peace and Co-operation adopted by the Asian-African Conference fully embodied the 5 principles of co-existence jointly advocated by China, India, and Burma. Owing to the fact that some people had different views on the wording of "peaceful co-existence," the conference used in its declaration the phraseology "live together in peace" used in the preamble of the United Nations. In actual fact, for countries of different social systems to live together in peace is the same as peaceful co-existence.

It must be considered that there are people-and some of them have already tried-who will avail themselves of the provision of the declaration regarding the right to collective defence to justify the many military blocs. This justification, however, holds no water at all.

The declaration of the Asian-African Conference cannot be used to defend the many aggressive military blocs. On the contrary, it is firmly opposed to the formation of these blocs. For, it is universal knowledge that certain big powers have dragged small countries into N.A.T.O. and S.E.A.T.O., which they established for the sole purpose of obtaining manpower and ensuring the setting up of new military springboards and bases as well as to place the small countries in subordinate positions politically and economically.

It is our view that the 10 principles in the declaration of the Asian-African Conference are an extension and development of the 5 principles of peaceful co-existence. The Government of the Chinese People’s Republic is willing to establish normal relations and live together in peace and co-operate in friendship with all countries on the basis of the 5 principles of co-existence and the 10 principles unanimously agreed upon at the Asian-African Conference.