



THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED HEADS OF STATE, AT WHICH 25 COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED

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Washington, 6 May (AFP) — Heads of state and government from 25 countries, including the United States, met in Washington on Wednesday to discuss the global financial crisis and the role of the United States in the world. The conference was the first of its kind since the end of the Cold War. The United States was represented by President Barack Obama, who was joined by Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Other participants included Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom, President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, and President Dmitry Medvedev of Russia. The conference was held at the White House and lasted for two days. The main agenda items were the global financial crisis, the role of the United States in the world, and the need for international cooperation. The conference ended with a joint declaration by the heads of state and government, which called for a new global financial architecture and a commitment to international cooperation.