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"During the Cold War, the Non-Aligned Movement tried to become a Third force in World Politics, but failed because it was too large and unwieldy." Discuss

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · PSIR GS 2 · 20 marks · Changing International Political Order

Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; Nuclear threat; Non-aligned movement; Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.

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Belgrade 1961

Founding summit that defined non-alignment as a group practice.

Havana 1979

Summit that highlighted tension between strict non-alignment and members close to the USSR.

New International Economic Order

1970s G77 and NAM-linked demand for reformed trade, commodities, and finance rules.

Consensus rule

NAM decisions by consensus, which protects sovereignty and slows collective action.

Post-1991

End of the USSR removed the bipolar frame that had made a third identity easy to explain.

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