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Havana, Sept 1, reuter -- In a message to non-aligned leaders, Cuban president fidel castro announced that Iraq has renounced the scheduled celebration of the 7th non-aligned summit conference in Baghdad this month and asked non-aligned leaders to consider a Cuban suggestion that the conference be transferred to New Delhi, India, gramme reported today.

the article said that president Saddam Hussein of Iraq had proposed to the Indian government that it agree to offer its capital for the event.

it declared that the Indian government had acceded to the request and that dr castro had sent letters to the 96 other leaders of non-aligned nations asking them to consider the transfer of the venue.

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early last month, dr castro, who is the current president of the non-aligned movement, called for a non-aligned foreign ministers meeting to be held in Havana to discuss the necessity of changing the conference site.

while the Havana meeting was not held, there were consultations among representatives of non-aligned nations at the united nations in new york.

the general consensus in the movement, according to official sources here, was that the war between iraq and iran made it inadvisable to hold the summit meeting in beghdad. It

the article said that as soon as dr castro receives replies to his message, the results of the inquiry will be announced.
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