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NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TO HOLD MEETING ON DISARMAMENT IN HAVANA
HAVANA, MAY 25, REUTER - THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WILL HOLD A THREE-DAY MEETING ON DISARMAMENT IN HAVANA BEGINNING ON THURSDAY, THE FIRST MINISTERIAL LEVEL SESSION CALLED TO DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE ISSUE.
RAUL ROA, CUBAS VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD REPORTERS ON TUESDAY THAT 80 OF THE MOVEMENTS 101 MEMBERS WILL SEND TOP LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO THE MEETING, WHICH COINCIDES WITH THIS WEEKENDS SUPERPOWER SUMMIT IN MOSCOW.
"DISARMAMENT SHOULD NOT BE THE PRIVATE PRESERVE OF THE SUPERPOWERS BUT RATHER ONE IN WHICH ALL NATIONS PARTICIPATE," ROA SAID.
TEN OBSERVER NATIONS AND TEN INVITED NATIONS AND MOVEMENTS WILL ALSO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, ROA SAID.
THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO ENCOURAGE THE SUPERPOWERS TO CONTINUE THE DISARMAMENT PROCESS WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT ON THE LIQUIDATION OF 50 PERCENT OF THE NUCLEAR MILITARY ARSENALS BY THE YEAR 2000.
THE HAVANA MEETING WILL BEGIN ON MAY 26 WHEN HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS MEET TO BEGIN DRAFTING THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING ON MAY 28.
THE HAVANA MEETING PRECEDES A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS SESSION ON DISARMAMENT FROM MAY 31 TO JUNE 5.
THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WAS FORMED IN 1961 TO PROMOTE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS.
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