

Iran asks Non-Aligned support for non-permanent UN Security Council seat

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Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said he had asked the Non-Aligned Movement to support Iran's bid for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

Mottaki urged an expert meeting of the 114-member group to support Iran's bid to have a seat on the Security Council that would meet in 2009 and 2010.

He said Sunday that a vote was expected soon and Iran's membership could "create a positive development in the performance of the Security Council."

The Non-Aligned Movement includes countries that tried to act as a buffer between East and West during the Cold War.