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Remarks

delivered by Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov

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crisis**

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Dear Director General,

Speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, I would like to thank you for your presentation.

The NAM has always recognized the importance of migration as a phenomenon of global proportions. In the Final Document of Baku NAM Summit, the Heads of State and Government acknowledged the transnational nature of migration requiring international, regional and bilateral cooperation and dialogue. This is even more important in today's situation of COVID-19 pandemic.

The NAM Member States remain committed to global fight against the pandemic, and stepped up their efforts to prevent its spread. On the 25th of March and the 9th of April, the NAM Coordinating Bureau issued two Communiqués where it recognizes the importance of strengthening all forms of multilateralism and international cooperation, and extends its full support to the WHO and its Director-General.

In this regard, on behalf of the NAM Member States, I would like to ask you to elaborate on a possibility of making adjustments to IOM's present operations around the world at a country level, both as part of its own response and in support to national governments, and secondly, to inform us on a current situation with contributions to the IOM Global COVID-19 Response Appeal.

I thank you.