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Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Statement

delivered by Mr. Emin Aslanov, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

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Thank you, Madame President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

1. The Movement reiterates the importance it attaches to the promotion and protection of human rights, and to the fulfillment of obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in accordance with the UN Charter and international law.
2. We reaffirm that all human rights, including the right to development, are universal, inalienable, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated. With this in mind, the Human Rights Council should provide equal treatment to both civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as well as the right to development.
3. We reaffirm that human rights issues must be addressed within the global context through a constructive, non-confrontational, non-politicized and non-selective dialogue-based approach, in a fair and equal manner. These activities must be guided by the respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency, and take into account the political, historical, social, religious and cultural particularities of each country.
4. We further call upon all States and UN Human Rights mechanisms to ensure that human rights are not used for political purposes and as a pretext for interference in internal affairs.

5. We also emphasize the importance of adopting constructive approach in the promotion and protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, and in this regard encourage all States to focus on genuine dialogue and cooperation with each other. Provision of capacity building and technical assistance in consultation with and upon the consent of the concerned states based on their needs and priorities would be another important achievement in this direction.

Madame President,

6. The Movement reiterates the urgent need to make the right to development a reality for everyone and reaffirms its position that the elaboration of a legal instrument is essential to ensure the realization of this right.
7. In this regard, we encourage the UN human rights mechanisms to ensure the operationalization of the right to development as a priority, including through the elaboration of a Convention on the Right to Development, taking into account the recommendations of relevant initiatives.

Thank you, Madame President.