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GENEVA CHAPTER**



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**Statement
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on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)**

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Madame High Commissioner,

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

The NAM expresses its gratitude to you for convening this meeting and for the presentation of the Annual Report of the OHCHR.

NAM appreciates your determination to further strengthen constructive engagement with the Member States on both bilateral and multilateral human rights issues. NAM also appreciates your commitment to upholding the universality of all human rights without distinction between the countries.

Global human rights challenges including deteriorating democratic values, ongoing and protracted conflicts, inequality, poverty, racial and other forms of discrimination are on the rise around the world. Therefore, the expectations of the UN Member States from the work of the High Commissioner and her Office are adequately higher than ever.

NAM highlights the importance of providing advisory services, and technical and financial assistance by the OHCHR upon request of the States concerned, with a view to supporting their actions and programmes in the field of human rights.

Finally, NAM expects your leadership in improving the existing situation of non-representation and under-representation of the NAM Member States in the staff of the OHCHR based on the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

Thank you.

