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STATEMENT

**by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement
at the Open-ended Discussion on the Right to Development and possible ways in
achieving its practical implementation**

Geneva, 12 February 2020

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Member States.
2. The NAM considers this Open-ended Discussion as a timely initiative aimed at further promotion of the right to development.
3. The NAM thanks the distinguished keynote speaker and panellists for their presentations and inputs enabling us to have a meaningful discussion today.
4. The right to development stands in the agenda of the United Nations as an important issue for quite a long time. Upon the initiative of the NAM, the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Right to Development by its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986. The promotion of the right to development has always been one of the important issues for the Movement.
5. The NAM believes that the right to development should be central to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in this vein, is of the view that all UN Member States should pay particular attention to the right to development in the context of the elaboration of their national policies in line with the 2030 Agenda.
6. The NAM highlights the central role of the global partnership for development and the importance of providing the necessary means of implementation for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and believes in the intensified efforts of the international community in providing enhanced means of implementation to the developing countries through a strengthened global partnership in the collective quest to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions.
7. In the Final Outcome Document of the 18th Summit of NAM held on 25-26 October 2019 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Heads of State and Government of the Movement agreed to promote and protect all universally recognized human rights, in particular

the right to development as a universal and inalienable right and as an integral part of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms.

8. The Heads of State and Government also urged the UN human rights machinery to ensure the operationalization of the right to development as a priority, including through the elaboration of a Convention on the Right to Development.
9. In this regard, the NAM welcomes the elaboration of a draft legally binding instrument on the right to development to be commenced at the 21st session of the Working Group on the Right to Development to be held on 4-8 May 2020. The NAM is of the view that constructive engagement by all the UN Member States is needed more than ever in the work of the Working Group on the Right to Development for making the right to development a reality for all.
10. In conclusion, the NAM reiterates its position that all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and there is an urgent need to make the right to development a reality for everyone.