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**Statement
delivered by 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 Chair.

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

The Movement stresses that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action continues to remain an important reference point in guiding our collective efforts to protect and promote human rights.

We recall the solemn commitment of all States made in the Vienna Declaration on fulfilment of their obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of, all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, other instruments relating to human rights, and international law.

At the XVIII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Baku on 25-26 October 2019, the Heads of State and Government of the NAM Member States recalled the recommendation to all States contained in the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action to consider adopting national action plans to improve the promotion and protection of human rights, and encouraged the NAM Member States to adopt such plans as framework for strengthening their national ownership in this field.

Madam President,

The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action recognises multiple and complex factors leading to displacement of people. Furthermore, the Declaration emphasizes the importance of giving special attention to questions related to internally displaced persons, including through intergovernmental and humanitarian organizations. In this regard, the NAM recognizes that Member States have the primary responsibility to promote durable solutions for internally displaced persons in situations of armed conflict, including their voluntary return in safety and with dignity, as well as to ensure respect, protection, fulfilment and restoration of their human rights.

The NAM believes that in order to effectively implement the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the international community should redouble its efforts to resolve longstanding international conflicts and disputes, and address human rights and humanitarian crises around the world.

In closing, the NAM reaffirms its commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Thank you.