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STATEMENT

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the Non-Aligned Movement
on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

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I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is a solemn occasion for renewing our commitment in the search for a fair and lasting solution to the Palestinian cause and to achieve genuine peace and security in the Middle East.

The Non-Aligned Movement has historically maintained a firm and solidary stance toward the Palestinian People and their just cause, which rejects the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories.

In the Final Document of the 18th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement held this year in Baku, the Non-Aligned Movement stressed the urgent need to continue providing political, economic and humanitarian support to assist the Palestinian People and to bolster their resilience and efforts aimed at achieving their legitimate national aspirations, including their inalienable right to self-determination and freedom in their independent State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital on the basis of the pre-1967 borders in line with international law and relevant United Nations Resolutions, and underscored the need to address recent critical political developments and the continued deterioration of the situation on the ground, which are dangerously undermining the prospects for the realization of a peaceful and just solution for the question of Palestine.

The Non-Aligned Movement stresses that just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine in all its aspects remains a permanent responsibility of the United Nations until it is satisfactorily resolved in accordance with international law and the relevant United Nations

Resolutions, and emphasizes the need for urgent mobilization and exertion of multilateral efforts to alleviate the humanitarian and socio-economic hardships being endured by the Palestinian People.

The Non-Aligned Movement expresses its deep concern about the critical situation and heightened vulnerability of Palestine refugees in the recent period, particularly due to the instability and crises throughout the region. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement underlines the importance and urgency of action, including through the United Nations programmes of support to the Palestinian People, in particular the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The Non-Aligned Movement condemns the flagrant, massive and systematic violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed by Israel, the occupying Power as recently reported by the Independent Commission of Inquiry of the UN Human Rights Council.

There is a severe protection crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and particularly in the Gaza Strip, due to Israel's illegal policies and practices, including its use of force against Palestinian civilians and its blockade on Gaza. The Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its grave concern about the plight of thousands of Palestinian civilians, and in this regard stressed the need to ensure protection for the Palestinian civilian population in accordance with international humanitarian law and the relevant Security Council Resolutions regarding the protection of civilians in armed conflicts, and in accordance with the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/20 and the relevant report of the UN Secretary General.

The ongoing illegal Israeli settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory continue to be a matter of grave concern. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement stresses the need for urgent action to mobilize the international community, including the Security Council in accordance with the UN Charter duties, to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease completely all illegal settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and to abide by all of its obligations under international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention and the relevant United Nations Resolutions. The NAM condemns any action, which will legitimize the occupation and illegal settlements. This is the time where the international community needs to take concrete measures to honour its legal and moral responsibility, to defend the legal system that is being put at risk and ensure that impunity does not become the norm.

On this Day, the Non-Aligned Movement calls for the redoubling of international efforts, at the governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental levels, stressing that a peaceful solution to the question of Palestine is central for establishing peace and stability in the Middle East.