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**Statement  
delivered by Shahriyar Hajiyev, Third 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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Madam President,

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

The NAM thanks the Special Rapporteur for his comprehensive report and update on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967.

For many years, the Non-Aligned Movement has maintained a firm position of solidarity with the Palestinian people and its just cause, and the condemnation of massive, flagrant and systematic violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law committed by Israel.

The NAM also underscores the 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.

The NAM emphasizes that Israel as the occupying power, should immediately release all Palestinian prisoners, particularly children and women. It should also cease serious violations of international law and fully lift the blockade of Gaza to remedy the on-going punitive measures against civilian population and release Palestinian children in detention in accordance with international standards, in particular the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The NAM expresses its grave concern at the continuing Israeli settlement policy and related activities, including the expansion of settlements, the expropriation of land, the demolition of houses, and the confiscation and destruction of property, which has changed the physical character and demographic composition of the occupied territories and the occupied Syrian Golan.

The General Assembly, the Security Council, the Human Rights Council and the International Court of Justice have all confirmed that the construction and expansion of Israeli settlements and other related activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory are illegal under international law. The NAM is also deeply concerned over numerous UN official reports, particularly by the recent report of the Secretary General, which have reaffirmed the continued human rights violations of the Palestinian people by Israeli force, throughout the occupied state of Palestine.

In this regard, the NAM urges the international community to exert its pressure in order to cease immediately the continuation of this illegal trend by Israel which is a blatant violation of International law.

In conclusion, the NAM extends its full support to the Government of the State of Palestine in its ongoing efforts to put an end to the occupation of the land of the State of Palestine and realize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Thank you.