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**for the presentation of the draft Resolution on the negative impact of unilateral
coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights (A/HRC/43/L.21)**

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Madam President,

The Republic of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), has the honor to present draft Resolution L. 21 entitled “The negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights”.

The Non-Aligned Movement has been consistently expressing its firm position with regard to unilateral coercive measures that impede the enjoyment of human rights by individuals in targeted Member States.

The Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement at its XVIII Summit held in Baku in 2019, reiterated their objection to all unilateral coercive measures, including those measures used as tools for political or economic and financial pressure against any country, in particular against developing countries, which violates the Charter of the United Nations, rules and principles of international law. The Heads of State and Government reaffirmed that under no circumstances should people be deprived of their own means of subsistence and development. They further expressed their concern at the continued imposition of such measure which hinder the well-being of population of the affected countries and that create obstacles to the full realization of their human rights.

Having said that, we would like to present draft Resolution L. 21, which updates Resolution 40/5, adopted by this Council last year.

The new text representing the determined position of NAM against unilateral coercive measures, was also closely consulted with other States and partners, and contains newly incorporated elements raised by both NAM Member States and other stakeholders who remain concerned about human rights implications of those measures.

In particular, the draft contains a new paragraph calling on Member States and UN bodies to take concrete measures with a view to mitigate negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures on humanitarian assistance.

The principles of sovereign equality of States, non-intervention and non-interference in their internal affairs, and freedom of international trade and navigation are reaffirmed, stressing the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on human rights, right to development, international relations, trade, investment and cooperation.

The draft also reiterates the request to the UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights to continue his or her work on identifying and proposing concrete measures to ensure the removal of unilateral coercive measures affecting the enjoyment of human rights of victims.

The draft Resolution L .21 reiterated the request to the High Commissioner, in discharging her functions relating to the right to development and bearing in mind the continuing impact of unilateral coercive measures on the population of least developed and developing countries, to give priority to this Resolution in her annual Report.

The Non-Aligned Movement promotes this important initiative, alarmed by the fact that the most current unilateral coercive measures have been imposed on the least developed and developing countries, at great cost in terms of the human rights of the poorest and of persons in vulnerable situations. Therefore, the NAM Member States once again stress the importance of strengthening international cooperation, necessary to address the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights.

We call on all Member States of this Council, to give their support to this draft Resolution L. 21.

Thank you.

