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**Virtual NAM Ambassadorial Meeting  
Briefing by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights  
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**Introductory remarks by the Chairman**

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Dear Madame High Commissioner,  
Dear representatives of the OHCHR,

I would like to welcome you to the first-ever virtual NAM Ambassadorial Meeting. Last time we met in March, and since that time the attention of the world community has been hijacked by the global challenges caused by the COVID-19 and its tragic consequences for many countries around the world.

Dear colleagues,

You have before you the draft agenda of the Meeting as reflected in the relevant Note Verbale of the Chair. If there is no objection, the draft agenda is considered to be adopted.

Dear colleagues,

As you know, the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan, in its capacity as the Chair of the NAM Geneva Chapter, is honoured to organize regular briefings of the distinguished Heads of the Geneva-based International Organizations for the Ambassadors of the NAM countries.

Let me express my gratitude on behalf of the NAM to H.E. Madame Michelle Bachelet, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, for accepting the invitation of the Chairmanship to participate at this NAM Ambassadorial meeting.

Emphasising the importance of the Office in promoting and protecting human rights around the world, I would like to thank you, Madame High Commissioner, for your determination to strengthen constructive engagement with the NAM Member States.

Against the backdrop of eroding multilateralism, the multifaceted challenges to human rights are on the rise in today's world, in particular in the period of proliferation of global threats, including on-going armed conflicts, waves of involuntary displacement, stark inequality, poverty, discrimination, and most recent outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, the genuine solidarity and concerted actions of the international community are needed more than ever.

Therefore, it would be highly important to know the views of the High Commissioner on the future of promotion and protection of human rights around the globe, as the OHCHR is one of the most important players in that regard.

Madame High Commissioner, with this I am pleased to give the floor to you.

