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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 Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

At the outset, we would like to express our appreciation for holding this High Level Mainstreaming Panel to discuss the progress made, as well as challenges met during the implementation of Durban Declaration and Plan of Action since its adoption 20 years ago.

On this occasion, the NAM reiterates its condemnation of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and expresses its serious concern on the resurgence of contemporary forms of such abhorrent crimes in various parts of the world, which constitute serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as impede equal opportunities.

While welcoming the ongoing progress made by States at national, regional and international levels, focusing on the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action, we also underline the fact that there is still much to be done in the fight with the scourge of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. In this regard, we would like to renew our call for finalizing the elaboration of complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Alarmed by the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts are disproportionately affecting certain marginalized racial groups and communities, the NAM Member States emphasize the need to fully respect the human rights of all and stress that there is no place for any form of discrimination, racism and xenophobia in response to the pandemic.

The NAM emphasizes the need to address with greater resolve and political will all forms and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in all spheres of life and in all parts of the world.

In conclusion, we reiterate our call on all States to fully and effectively implement the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, which constitutes a solid foundation for struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference.

Thank you.