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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver this Statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

I would like to inform the distinguished participants that at the XVIII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement held on 25-26 October, 2019 in Baku the Heads of State and Government of NAM Member States took a specific focus on refugee problems. As the world is witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record, the NAM Member States addressed a number of cases involving flow of refugees, particularly due to instability and crises in different parts of the world.

In Baku Final Document, the NAM Member States recalled with appreciation the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, adopted in September 2016, by virtue of which, the General Assembly decided to develop an intergovernmental process, which started in 2017, towards a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, and a global compact on refugees.

The Heads of State and Government also emphasized the need to respect international refugee law, as applicable, which is in line with the spirit of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.

Refugee problems that enhanced nowadays both in scale and complexity, require the international community to attach more focused attention and sustain continuous effort towards their solutions mainly in countries of origin and as appropriate, in the countries affected by refugee crises. Therefore, the NAM Member States attach particular significance to the UNHCR as a representation of political will of the international community to operationalize the principle of responsibility and burden-sharing.

In the presence of large-scale refugee movements and protracted refugee situations around the world, the NAM Member States are of the view that the measures to alleviate the sufferings of refugees must be accompanied by dedicated efforts of the international community, as a whole, to address the root causes of the problem with a view to expediting durable solutions.

The NAM Member States also underline the utmost importance of the promotion and protection of human rights of all refugees, and in this regard, call upon all UN Member States to avoid discriminatory measures against refugees, as to race, religion or country of origin.

We express our strong condemnation at the promulgation and application of unilateral coercive measures against Member States of the Movement, that are applied in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, further express our support, in accordance with international law, to the States affected by such measures, and urge the international community to adopt urgent and effective measures to eliminate the use of such measures, that are inconsistent with the principles of international law or the Charter of the United Nations, with a view to ensure the effectiveness of national responses to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Non-Aligned Movement considers UNHCR as a unique platform for sharing of good practices by the UN Member States and other stakeholders, and is looking forward to successful deliberations aimed at ensuring effective implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees. In this regard, the NAM Member States express their readiness to explore options for further development of cooperation with the UNHCR and other UN humanitarian agencies.

Thank you.