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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN,  
ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AT THE UNITED  
NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN DEBATE UNDER THE AGENDA  
ITEM “MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY” ON  
THE THEME: “PEACE AND SECURITY THROUGH PREVENTIVE  
DIPLOMACY: A COMMON OBJECTIVE TO ALL THE PRINCIPLE ORGANS  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS”**

*New York, 16 November 2021*

**Mr. President,**

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. At the outset, we would like to congratulate Mexico on its assumption of the presidency in the Security Council for this month. We would also like to express our gratitude to the delegation of Mexico for having convened this open debate and for submitting the concept note on the topic (S/2021/888).
3. We thank the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the President of the International Court of Justice and the Secretary-General for their briefings.

**Mr. President,**

4. Promoting and sustaining international peace is a key issue for the Non-Aligned Movement. The Movement and its Member States have historically opposed war and supported peace.
5. At the eighteenth Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Baku in October 2019, the Heads of State and Government of Member States reaffirmed the validity of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and norms of international law as indispensable to preserving and promoting peace and security, the rule of law, economic development and social progress and all human rights for all.
6. The faithful observance of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and cooperation among States and the fulfillment in good faith of the obligations assumed by States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, are of the greatest importance for the maintenance of international peace and security.
7. The Non-Aligned Movement is committed to supporting and promoting the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and norms of



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international law, including those relating to the territorial integrity of States and the inviolability of their international borders, the inadmissibility of the use of force, non-interference in the internal affairs of States and the right to self-determination of peoples under foreign occupation and colonial or alien domination.

8. The Movement denounces — and demands the repeal of — unilateral coercive measures against Member States that are not authorized by the Security Council in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, or are inconsistent with the principles of international law or the Charter, given their extraterritorial implications and illegal character and as they violate human rights and prevent the full economic and social development of the peoples subjected to them.
9. Multiple, complex and newly emerging threats and challenges to international peace and security necessitate the renewal of our collective commitment to the values of multilateralism and international cooperation, which underpin the Charter of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Preserving and strengthening these values are fundamental to promoting and supporting the three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, development and human rights.
10. The Movement reiterates their grave concern over the increasing and continuing encroachment by the Security Council on issues which clearly fall within the functions and powers of other principal organs of the UN and their subsidiary bodies. In that sense, the Movement reminds that the principal organs of the United Nations have distinct and separate roles, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirms that they have to carry out only those functions and powers that are established in their respective mandates. Close cooperation and coordination among these organs is highly indispensable in order to enable the United Nations to remain relevant and capable of meeting the existing, new and emerging threats and challenges.
11. In that context, at the eighteenth Summit of the Movement, the Heads of State and Government urged all States to uphold the primacy of and full respect for the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations pertaining to the functions and powers of the General Assembly and called on the Presidents of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council to conduct regular discussions and coordination among themselves regarding the agenda and programme of work of the respective principal organs in order to establish increased coherence and complementarity among these organs in a mutually reinforcing manner, respectful of each other's' mandates, and with a view to generating a mutual understanding among them, with whom the members of the respective organs have vested in good faith their trust and confidence.



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12. We emphasize the significant role played by the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, in promoting and encouraging the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the Court. The Movement urges the Security Council, the General Assembly and other organs of the United Nations, as well as its specialized agencies that are duly authorized to do so, to make greater use of the International Court of Justice as a source of advisory opinions and interpretation of international law within the scope of their activities.
13. Faithful to its commitment to strengthening its role as an anti-war and peace-loving force, the Movement reaffirms its determination to work for the establishment of a peaceful and prosperous world and a just and equitable world order. We also renew our determination to work for a multipolar world through the strengthening of the United Nations and multilateral processes, which are indispensable to our efforts to promote the interests of our nations and humankind as a whole.

Thank you.