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THE COORDINATING BUREAU
OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT (NAM), ON THE REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE
WORKING GROUP AND THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT
TO DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED
NATIONS**

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Mr. Chair,

1. It is an honor for the Republic of Azerbaijan to take the floor on behalf the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), especially on a subject to which we have historically attached particular importance, bearing in mind the fact that the Declaration on the Right to Development was promoted by our Movement.
2. At the outset, we would like to express our appreciation for the briefings of H.E. Ambassador Saad Alfarargi, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development, of Mr. Zamir Akram, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development and of Ms. Klentiana Mahmutaj, Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development.
3. Over three decades have passed since the adoption of the Declaration on the Right to Development, which is, as agreed in 1986, an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy economic, social, cultural, and political development, in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realized. It was recognized at that time that the human person is the central subject of development and should be the active participant and beneficiary of the right to development. Yet, for ensuring its full enjoyment and realization, profound changes in the international economic structure, including the creation of economic and social conditions that are favorable to developing countries, are still needed.

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4. During the XVIII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in October 2019 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan the Heads of State and Government reaffirmed that all human rights, including the right to development, are universal, inalienable, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and that human rights issues must be addressed within the global context through a constructive, non-confrontational, non-politicized and non-



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selective dialogue-based approach, in a fair and equal manner, with objectivity, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency as the guiding principles, taking into account the political, historical, social, religious and cultural particularities of each country.

5. In addition, at that time the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) renews its commitment to promote and protect all universally recognized human rights, in particular the right to development as a universal and inalienable right and as an integral part of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms as it was highlighted in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on 22 September 2016 to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development.

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6. In this regard, the Movement urge the UN human rights machinery to ensure the operationalization of the right to development as a priority, including through the elaboration of a Convention on the Right to Development by the relevant machinery, taking into account the recommendations of relevant initiatives.
7. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement seize this opportunity to renew their proposal and work towards the convening of a United Nations-sponsored High-Level International Conference on the Right to Development.
8. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reiterates its unequivocal commitment to the Right to Development in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

I thank you, Madam Chair.