



**CHAIR OF  
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 “HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS AND  
REPORTS OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND REPRESENTATIVES”  
(AGENDA ITEM 74 C), WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD  
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS**

*New York, 22 October 2021*

**Mr. Chair,**

1. It is an honor for the Republic of Azerbaijan to take the floor on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), in occasion of the Interactive Dialogues with Special Rapporteurs and Representatives on Human Rights Situations in specific countries.

**Mr. Chair,**

2. During the XVIII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in October 2019, the Heads of State and Government reaffirmed the significant importance the Movement attaches to the promotion and protection of human rights and commitment to fulfil obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in accordance with the UN Charter, other core International Human Rights instruments, as appropriate, and international law.
3. At that time, they further reaffirm 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-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.
4. In this regard, they reiterate the Movement’s dismay and unequivocal condemnation of gross and systematic violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms and situations that constitute serious obstacles to their full enjoyment, as well as violent acts and activities that infringe upon their full enjoyment.



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**Mr. Chair,**

5. Similarly, at that time the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) emphasize the role of the Human Rights Council as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations General Assembly responsible for consideration of human rights situations in all countries, in the context of the Universal Periodic Review based on cooperation and constructive dialogue.
6. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) also express their deep concern over the continuation and the proliferation of the practice of selective adoption of country-specific resolutions in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly, as well as in the Human Rights Council, which is a tool that exploits human rights for political purposes breaches the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity in addressing human rights issues which undermine cooperation as the essential principle to effectively promote and protect all universally recognized human rights for all.

**Mr. Chair,**

7. The Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirm the need to promote greater coherence and complementarity between the work of the Third Committee and the Human Rights Council, and avoid unnecessary duplication and overlapping in their activities as well as create a working and constructive relationship between them in addressing human rights situations.
8. We stress that the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is the main intergovernmental cooperative mechanism to review human rights issues at the national level in all countries without distinction, with the full involvement of the country concerned and with consideration given to its capacity-building needs. In this context, we reject the on-going practice of the Security Council of dealing with human rights issues in pursuit of certain states' political objectives.
9. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reiterate the importance of ensuring the implementation of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council as an action oriented, cooperative mechanism based on objective and reliable information and interactive dialogue with full involvement of the countries under review and conducted in an impartial, transparent, non-selective, constructive, non-confrontational and nonpoliticized manner.

**I thank you, Mr. Chair.**