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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 SPECIAL
RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD, WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

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Mr. Chair,

1. It is an honor for the Republic of Azerbaijan to take the floor on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
2. At the outset, we would like to express our appreciation for the briefing and the work of Mr. Michael Fakhri, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, to whom we pledge our support in the fulfillment of his mandate.

Mr. Chair,

3. During the XVIII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in October in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan the Heads of State and Government reaffirmed that hunger constitutes a violation of human dignity and called for urgent measures at the national, regional and international levels for its elimination. They also reaffirmed the right of everyone to have access to safe and nutritious food consistent with the right to food and the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger, so as to be able to fully develop and maintain his or her physical and mental capacities. They also stressed that it is essential for States to promote efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimension and hunger.
4. In this connection, the Member States of the Movement express their deep concern at the high volatility in global food prices which directly challenges the fundamental human right to food. They also took note of the limited progress that has been made in reducing hunger in the world. However, structural problems continue to sustain the widespread hunger, food insecurity and nutrition and poverty. The continuing international economic and financial crisis further put serious hindrances in the global effort to fight against hunger as it reverberates throughout the global system through trade, aid, and financial links. The multiple and complex causes of this crisis require a comprehensive, coordinated, and sustained response by the international community. The Movement also emphasizes the importance of strengthening the FAO Global Information and Early Warning System on



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Food and Agriculture and the Committee on Food Security to help addressing and preventing recurrence of food crisis.

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5. In this context, Non-Aligned Movement emphasize the need to leverage the role of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation as a means to promote and support industrial and semi-industrial ventures and ensure food security and nutrition, including through the promotion of sustainable agriculture and food systems, food processing agro-industries, which have the potential to link with global value chains and effectively address the market needs of developing countries.
6. In addition, we took note the need to further examine various concepts such as, "food sovereignty" and its relation to food security and the right to food, taking into account the need to avoid any negative impact on the enjoyment of the right to food for all peoples at all times.
7. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement reiterates that food should not be used as an instrument for political and economic pressure, and therefore reaffirms the importance of international cooperation and solidarity as well as the necessity of refraining from undertaking such unilateral coercive measures that affect the trade related to food that endanger food security impacting specially groups in vulnerable situations and are not in accordance with international law and the UN Charter.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.