



**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 THE REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT
EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY,
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

New York, 26 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).
2. At the outset, we would like to express our appreciation for the briefing of Mr. Obiora C. Okafor, Independent Expert on Human Rights, and International Solidarity, to whom we pledge our support in the fulfillment of his mandate.
3. International solidarity and human rights, including their protection and promotion, are fundamental and historic values upon which the Non-Aligned Movement is based. As stated in the Declaration on the Purposes and Principles and the Role of our Movement in the current International Juncture, “solidarity is a fundamental component of relations among nations in all circumstances”.

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4. During the XVIII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in October 2019 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan the Heads of State and Government recognized that solidarity, the highest expression of respect, friendship and peace among States, is a broad concept encompassing the sustainability of international relations, the peaceful coexistence, and the transformative objectives of equity and empowerment of developing countries, whose ultimate goal is to achieve the full economic and social development of their peoples.
5. The Member States of the Movement reiterates their determination that if any Member of the Movement suffers harm, whether this is economic, political or military in nature, or in terms of its security, as well as from the politicization of human rights, or if a Member suffers harm as a result of the imposition of unilateral sanctions or embargos, the Movement should express its solidarity with the affected country through the provision of political, moral, material and other forms of assistance. To this end, the Non-Aligned Movement will continue to review the Movement’s existing mechanisms and explore new mechanisms for rendering such assistance, if necessary.



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6. The Movement also reaffirms its opposition to all unilateral coercive measures, including those measures used as tools for political or economic and financial pressure against any country, in particular against developing countries, which violates the Charter of the United Nations, rules and principles of international law, and that under no circumstances should people be deprived of their own means of subsistence and development. The Movement expresses its concern at the continued imposition of such measures which hinder the well-being of population of the affected countries and that create obstacles to the full realization of their human rights;

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7. At that time, we, consistent with and guided by the Movement's principled positions, agreed, among others, to initiate further vigorous transparent and inclusive initiatives to achieve the realization of multilateral cooperation in the areas of economic development and social progress, peace and security, and human rights for all and the rule of law, including through enhancing the Movement's unity, solidarity and cohesiveness on issues of collective concern and interests, with the aim of shaping the multilateral agenda to embrace development as a fundamental priority, which should take into account the need for developing and developed countries and international institutions to intensify partnerships and coordinate their efforts and resources to effectively address all imbalances in the global agenda.
8. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms its commitment to achieve international cooperation based on solidarity among peoples and governments in solving international problems of a political, economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.