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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 SPECIAL  
RAPPORTEUR ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF RACISM, RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE,  
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*New York, 27 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 and the work of Ms. Tendayi Achiume, Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, to whom we pledge our support in the fulfillment of her mandate.
3. Similarly, we also express our appreciation for the presentations of Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, of Ms. Dominique Day, Chair of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, and Ms. Marie Chantal Rwakazina, Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Working Group of the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action.

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4. Consequently, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms the positions agreed during its XVIII Summit held in October 2019, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan condemning all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including the platforms and activities related thereto, which constitute serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as impede equal opportunity.
5. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement seizes this opportunity to remind the international community to preserve its recognition that slavery and slave trade, including trans-Atlantic slave trade, are crimes against humanity, and that the legacies of slavery, slave trade, colonialism, foreign occupation, alien domination, genocide and other forms of servitude have manifested themselves in poverty, underdevelopment, marginalization, social exclusion and economic disparities for the developing world.



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6. The Non-Aligned Movement, while recalling its firm opposition to all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and expressing serious concern on the resurgence of contemporary forms of such abhorrent crimes in various parts of the world, the Heads of State and Government commended the ongoing progress made by States at the national, regional and international levels, focusing on the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action. To this end, the Heads of State and Government urged the Human Rights Council, through the Intergovernmental Working Group established to that effect, to finalize the elaboration of complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.
7. In addition, the Non-Aligned Movement calls on all Member States to devote the highest priority to educational programs that promote dialogue and tolerance among communities in order to curb the scourge of hate speech. They stressed in this regard international cooperation and initiatives that help promoting mutual understanding between communities.
8. Similarly, the Member States of the Movement strongly condemn all manifestations and acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against migrants and the stereotypes often applied to them, including on the basis of religion or belief, and urge States to apply and, where needed, reinforce the existing laws when xenophobic or intolerant acts, manifestations or expressions against migrants, in order to eradicate impunity for those who commit xenophobic and racist acts.
9. To conclude, the Movement emphasizes the need to address with greater resolve and political will all forms and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in all spheres of life and in all parts of the world, including all those under foreign occupation.

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