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Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and
cultural rights, including the right to development**

**Statement
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on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

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Madame President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

NAM welcomes the presentation of the report by the Special Rapporteur on the right to development, Mr. Saad Alfarargi, and expresses the most unrestricted support to the fulfilment of his mandate.

NAM reaffirms that all human rights, including the right to development, are universal, inalienable, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and stresses that the Human Rights Council should provide equal treatment to both civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as well as the right to development.

The Movement reiterates, once again, the urgent need to make the right to development as a reality for everyone. In this regard, the NAM welcomes the commencement of the elaboration of a draft convention on the right to development on the basis of the draft submitted by the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group, as mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 39/9 of 27 September 2018 through a collaborative process of engagement, at the twenty-first session of the Working Group.

NAM stresses the importance of constructive engagement at the twenty-second session of the Working Group, which will continue consideration of the draft convention on the right to development submitted by the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group.

The NAM takes note with appreciation of the report of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, and requests the Expert Mechanism to continue to pay particular attention to the international dimension of the right to development, and how this aspect will make the practical implementation of the right to development effective at the international, regional and national levels.

NAM encourages the UN human rights system to contribute further to the work of the Working Group on the Right to Development, and to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur and the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development in the fulfilment of their mandates with regard to the promotion and implementation of the right to development.

NAM welcomes the presentation of the thematic report by the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, Ms. Alena Douhan, and supports her mandate.

Finally, NAM reaffirms 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.

Thank you.