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**STATEMENT**

**delivered by Mr. Shahriyar Hajiyev, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International Organisations in Geneva**

**on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement,  
Interactive Dialogue with the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development and the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development, including on the work of the Working Group and its relevant agenda items  
22<sup>nd</sup> session of the  
Working Group on the Right to Development**

**Geneva, 22-26 November 2021**

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
2. The NAM welcomes the Special Rapporteur on the right to development, Mr. Saad Alfaragi, to this 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Working Group on the Right to Development.
3. The adoption of Resolution 33/14 of the Human Rights Council, initiated by the NAM, led to the creation of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development, whose main objective is to contribute to the realization and implementation of this fundamental human right, for the effective enjoyment of all other human rights.
4. The NAM welcomes the Special Rapporteur's approach to his work, which has been explained in his reports to the Human Rights Council, highlighting cooperation with other mandate holders of the Special Procedures of the Council, the United Nations agencies and other mechanisms involved in issues related to the right to development.
5. NAM reiterates its support to the Special Rapporteur, particularly on the work and activities to be carried out in fulfillment of his mandate, and on his working methods.
6. The NAM is convinced that the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development will provide a valuable opportunity to continue advancing in overcoming the obstacles that have impeded the effective realization of the right to development.

7. The Special Rapporteur will be able to fulfill his important mandate in an effective manner, only if he counts on the full cooperation of States, United Nations agencies, and civil society organizations, in addition to the appropriate support of the Office of the High Commissioner of the United Nations for Human Rights.
8. The NAM also welcomes the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, Mr. Koen De Feyter, to this 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Working Group.
9. The Resolution 42/23 of the Human Rights Council, initiated by the NAM established the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development in searching for, identifying and sharing best practices with Member States and to promote the implementation of the right to development worldwide. Bearing in mind the request made in the resolution 45/6 by the Human Rights Council, that is to implement the recommendations contained in its first report, the NAM encourages the relevant bodies of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Expert Mechanism in the fulfilment of its mandate.
10. The NAM, convinced of the importance of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development and the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development, and their complementary contribution to the effective implementation of the work of this Working Group, will always maintain a fluid dialogue and will be open to receiving their contributions in order to fulfil the proposed objectives, in particular with regard to the elaboration of a draft convention on the right to development.
11. In this regard, the NAM believes that the convention on the right to development will contribute to make development a reality for all, with cooperation of members of international community towards a favourable international condition that will lead to the realization of the right to development, in accordance with the mandate of the Working Group, and on the basis of the principles enunciated in the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development.
12. Once again, the NAM appreciates the participation of Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development, Mr. Saad Alfarargi and Chair of the Working Group on the Right to Development, Mr. Koen De Feyter in this 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Working Group, and their interaction with a view to strengthening the effectiveness in fulfilling its mandate.

Thank you.