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**Statement**

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Organizations in Geneva,  
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

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Madam President,

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

The NAM expresses its appreciation to the OHCHR and to the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights for organizing the biennial panel and for their cooperation with the NAM in this regard. We thank all the panelists for their presentations.

We believe that today's discussions will highly contribute to better understanding of the concept of unilateral coercive measures and its impact on enjoyment of human rights, including in the context of extraterritoriality.

The Non-Aligned Movement has been consistently expressing its firm position with regard to unilateral coercive measures that impede the enjoyment of human rights by individuals in targeted Member States.

The Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement at its XVIII Summit held in Baku in 2019, reiterated their objection 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. NAM leaders reaffirmed that under no circumstances should people be deprived of their own means of subsistence and development. They further expressed their 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.

The extraterritorial character of the unilateral measures has effect not only on targeted countries but also on third countries, in contravention of the basic principles of international law, in a manner that they coerce the latter also to apply the unilateral coercive measures.

We call upon all States to avoid applying unilateral coercive measures and the extraterritorial application of domestic laws that run counter to the principles of UN Charter and impede the full realization of the rights set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments and hamper the development of least developed and developing countries.

Madam President,

The Non-Aligned Movement promotes the important initiatives on the issue of unilateral coercive measures, alarmed by the fact that the most such measures have been imposed on the least developed and developing countries, at great cost in terms of the human rights of the poorest and of persons in vulnerable situations. Therefore, the NAM Member States once again stress the importance of strengthening international cooperation, necessary to address the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights.

Thank you.