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Presentation of the draft Resolution on  
Commemoration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the  
Declaration on the Right to Development**

**Statement  
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Thank you, Mr. President.

1. The Republic of Azerbaijan, on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), has the honour to present the draft Resolution L.10 entitled “**Commemoration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development**”.
2. At the outset, I would like to highlight that, in the Final Outcome Document of the 18<sup>th</sup> Summit of the NAM held on 25-26 October 2019 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Heads of State and Government of the Movement agreed to promote and protect all universally recognized human rights, in particular the right to development as a universal and inalienable right, and as an integral part of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms. They reaffirmed the objective of making the right to development a reality for everyone as set out in the UN Millennium Declaration, in the UN Declaration on the Right to Development and in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mr. President,

3. United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution 41/128 on 4 December 1986, containing the “Declaration on the Right to Development” which underscored the right to development as “an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy

economic, social, cultural and political development, in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realized”.

4. The Draft Resolution we present today highlights the significance of the anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development by creating an opportunity for the international community to demonstrate and reiterate its unequivocal commitment to the right to development, recognizing the high profile it deserves, and redoubling its efforts to implement this right.
5. In this context, the draft resolution, asks for convening a full-day high-level meeting on the promotion and protection of the right to development as a celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development and requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the high-level meeting.
6. Encouraging all Member States to engage constructively in all discussions for the full implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development, the draft resolution invites the High Commissioner to liaise with all States and stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, treaty bodies, special procedure mandate holders, national human rights institutions and civil society, with a view to ensuring their participation in the high-level meeting
7. Having said that, we call on the Human Rights Council members to support the Draft Resolution L.10.
8. I would like to conclude by expressing our gratitude to all States actively and constructively engaging with the NAM Chairmanship during the public informal meeting and subsequent consultations held on the draft resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.