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Presentation of the draft Resolution on the right to development**

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Thank you, Madam President.

1. The Republic of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), has the honour to present the draft Resolution L.18 entitled “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.
3. The Heads of State and Government also urged the UN human rights machinery to ensure the operationalization of the right to development as a priority, including through the elaboration of a Convention on the Right to Development.

Madam President,

4. The Draft Resolution we present today highlights the importance of achieving the realization of the right to development, including with reference to the role of international cooperation and the work of the existing mechanisms operating in this field.

5. I would like to inform you that, in the preamble part of the draft, three paragraphs have been incorporated, two related to importance of international cooperation for mitigating and addressing the effects of global health calamity COVID-19, as the pandemic has a serious negative effect, inter alia, on the right to development. In the third additional preamble Paragraph, a reference has been given to the report of the Human Rights Advisory Committee, which actually moved from the operative part of the previous year's resolution to the preamble part of this year's resolution.
6. In the operative part of the draft, three paragraphs have been incorporated, with regard to the inclusive access to and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, the work of the Working Group on the Right to Development and the biennial panel discussion on the right to development, to be held at the fifty-first session of the Council.
7. At the same time, various amendments and updates have been made to several preamble and operative paragraphs of the last year's resolution, reflecting the developments in the work of the existing mechanisms on the right to development and outcome of the meeting held on the draft resolution.
8. Having said that, we call on the Human Rights Council members to support the Draft Resolution L.18.
9. I would like to conclude by expressing our gratitude to all States actively and constructively engaging with the NAM Chairmanship at the public informal meeting held on the draft resolution.

Thank you, Madam President.