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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN,
ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT,
AT THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MINISTERIAL
OPEN DEBATE “20th ANNIVERSARY OF SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNTER
TERRORISM COMMITTEE: ACHIEVEMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES”**

New York, 12 January 2021

Mr. President,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. Firstly, we would like to welcome H.E. Mr. Orthman Jerandi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad, and to express our appreciation to his delegation for convening this meeting on “*20th Anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) and the Establishment of the Counter Terrorism Committee: achievements in international cooperation, challenges and opportunities*” and presenting the concept note (S/2020/1315). We also thank the briefers for their comprehensive overview on the matter.

Mr. President,

3. The Non-Aligned Movement unequivocally condemns, as criminal, and rejects terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We express our full solidarity with those countries that suffered from acts of terrorism, especially with all victims.
4. At the eighteenth Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 25-26 October 2019, the Heads of State and Government reiterated their determination to strengthen the Movement’s solidarity in combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whosoever committed, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the relevant international conventions. In this context, they also stressed that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group.
5. Terrorist acts constitute one of the most flagrant violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law. Such acts endanger the territorial integrity and stability of States, as well as national, regional and international security, destabilize legitimately constituted governments or the prevailing constitutional order and political unity of States, as well as affect the stability of nations and the very



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basis of societies. Moreover, they create adverse consequences on the economic and social development and cause the destruction of the physical and economic infrastructure of States.

6. The Movement opposes attempts to equate the legitimate struggle of peoples under colonial or alien domination and foreign occupation for self-determination and national liberation with terrorism, in order to prolong occupation and oppression of innocent people with impunity.

Mr. President,

7. The Member States are resolved to undertake all necessary measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, such as prolonged unresolved conflicts, dehumanization of victims of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, lack of rule of law and violations of human rights, ethnic, national and religious discrimination, political exclusion, socio-economic marginalization and lack of good governance, while recognizing that none of these conditions can excuse or justify acts of terrorism.
8. The Non-Aligned Movement expresses its resolve to take speedy and effective measures to eliminate international terrorism. In this context, we urge all States, consistent with the UN Charter, to fulfill their obligations under international law and international humanitarian law in combating terrorism, including by prosecuting or, where appropriate, extraditing the perpetrators of terrorist acts; by preventing the organization, instigation or financing of terrorist acts against other States from within or outside their territories or by organizations based in their territories; by discouraging individuals and entities from engaging in illegal economic activities in the territories of other States, proceeds of which could be used for financing terrorism; by refraining from organizing, instigating, assisting, financing or participating in terrorist acts in the territories of other States; by refraining from encouraging activities within their territories directed towards the commission of such acts; as well as by refraining from allowing the use of their territories for planning, training or financing for such acts; or by refraining from supplying arms or other weapons that could be used for terrorist acts in other States.
9. In this context, the Member States note that the financing of terrorism is a matter of grave concern. Hence, the Movement reiterates the obligation of the international community to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorist acts and to criminalize the willful provision or collection, by any means, directly or indirectly, of funds by their nationals or in their territories with the intention that the funds be used, or with the knowledge that they are to be used, in order to carry out terrorist acts.



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10. We are convinced that multilateral cooperation under the United Nations auspices is the most effective means to both prevent and combat international terrorism.
11. In this context, the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms its readiness to continue its support to national, regional and international efforts and arrangements that seek to implement, where appropriate, the pertinent international legally binding instruments, as well as the relevant UN resolutions, including Security Council resolution 1373 and regional arrangements and instruments relating to combating terrorism. Member States of the Movement express their readiness to strengthen the cooperation with all States in this regard and emphasize that such cooperation should be in conformity with the UN Charter, international law and the relevant international conventions. We therefore urge the relevant UN organs to promote ways and means to support and strengthen such cooperation.
12. The Movement calls upon all States to respect all human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, and to reaffirm their commitment in this respect to prevent human rights violations, consistent with the rule of law and their obligation under international law, in particular international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law, and in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions; In this context, we seize this opportunity to reiterate our rejection to the politicization of the fight against terrorism, which is detrimental to international efforts towards that end, including through the unilateral preparation of lists accusing States and their constitutionally-established institutions of allegedly supporting terrorism.
13. In closing, the Member States of the Movement reiterate the importance of the conclusion of a Comprehensive Convention for Combating International Terrorism, and, in this respect, note the negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism established by General Assembly Resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, for elaboration of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism and the continuing efforts to that end, and call upon all States to continue to co-operate in resolving the outstanding issues.

Thank you.