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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 (NAM), AT THE UNITED
NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MINISTERIAL-LEVEL OPEN DEBATE
“UPHOLDING THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER TO MAINTAIN
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY:”**

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Mr. President,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. At the outset, we would like to congratulate the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam with the assumption of presidency in the Security Council and pay our respects to His Excellency Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam. We should also like to express our gratitude to the delegation of Viet Nam for having organized this open debate to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Charter and for submitting the concept note on the topic (S/2020/1).
3. We welcome all the elected new members of the Security Council – Estonia, the Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia and Viet Nam and wish them and their delegations success. We are grateful also to Cote d’Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Kuwait, Peru and Poland for their important contributions to the work of the Council during their terms.

Mr. President,

4. Armed conflicts, aggressive expansionist policies, terrorism, separatism, trans-national organized crime and extremism, coupled with human rights abuses, financial crises and environmental degradation, continue to affect millions of people around the world.
5. The Movement is committed to support multilateralism with the United Nations at its core. Preserving and strengthening the values of multilateralism and international cooperation, which underpin the Charter of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is fundamental to promoting and supporting the three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, development and human rights.
6. At their eighteenth Summit, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 25-26 October 2019, under the theme “Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of contemporary world”, the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirmed the validity of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and norms of international law, as indispensable in preserving and promoting peace and security, the rule of law, economic development and social progress, and all human rights for all.



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7. The strict observance of the principles of international law and the fulfillment in good faith of the obligations assumed by States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, are of the greatest importance for the maintenance of international peace and security.
8. The Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its continued concern over the current difficult and complex situation in the field of disarmament and international security. In this regard, the Movement calls for renewed efforts to resolve the current impasse in achieving nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects.
9. The Movement expresses its deep concern at the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, and in this context reaffirms the need for all States at all times to comply with applicable international law, including international humanitarian law.
10. Every State has the duty to refrain in its international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations. Such a threat or use of force constitutes a violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations and shall never be recognized as lawful and employed as a means of settling international issues.
11. The Non-Aligned Movement is committed to support and promote the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and norms of international law, including those relating to the territorial integrity of States and inviolability of their international borders, inadmissibility of the use of force, non-interference in the internal affairs of States and the right to self-determination of peoples under foreign occupation and colonial or alien domination, as well as to denounce, and demand the repeal of, unilateral coercive measures against Member States that are not authorized by relevant organs of the United Nations and that are inconsistent with the principles of international law or the Charter of the United Nations, given their extraterritorial implications and illegal character, and which violate human rights and prevent the full economic and social development of the peoples subjected to them.
12. The Movement reaffirms and underscores its principled position and commitment with regard to the promotion of the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the relevant United Nations resolutions, including those adopted by the Security Council.
13. In that context, we also emphasize a significant role of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, in promoting and encouraging the



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settlement of international disputes by peaceful means in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the Court. The Movement urges the Security Council, General Assembly and other organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies duly authorized to make greater use of the International Court of Justice as a source of advisory opinions and interpretation of international law within the scope of their activities.

14. The Movement, faithful to its commitment to strengthening its role as an anti-war and peace-loving force, reaffirms its determination to work for the establishment of a peaceful and prosperous world and a just and equitable world order. We also renew our determination to work for a multipolar world, through the strengthening of the United Nations and multilateral processes, which are indispensable to our efforts to promote the interests of our nations and humankind as a whole.

Thank you.