



**CHAIR OF
THE COORDINATING BUREAU
OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN, ON BEHALF OF THE
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**

**THE CEREMONIAL MEETING TO MARK THE FORMAL HANDOVER
OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE GROUP OF THE 77 FROM
THE STATE OF PALESTINE
TO THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA**

New York, 15 January 2020

Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. At the outset, the Movement would like to welcome and convey its respect to H.E. Mr. Moses Nagamootoo, Prime Minister of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and H.E. Dr. Karen Cummings, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on the occasion of the assumption by their country of the Chairmanship of the Group of 77 for 2020. The Member States of the Movement express their confidence in the ability of Guyana to fulfill this important role and extend its full support to the Chair in carrying out its responsibilities. We look forward to further our engagement and partnership in addressing the matters of common interest to the Global South.
3. The Movement also wishes to express its appreciation to H.E. Mr. Riad Al-Malki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine. Non-Aligned Movement recognizes and commends the stewardship and proactive role of the State of Palestine in Chairing the Group of 77 in 2019.
4. We also would like to welcome the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. António Guterres, and the President of the 74th Session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Tijani Muhammad-Bande, as well as Chairs of the regional groups and the wider membership that comprise the Group of 77 in this meeting.



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Mr. Chair,

5. Partnership and cooperation between the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 has a long history. Both organizations while sharing most of its Member States, also serve one common goal, although with different focuses. The goal is to consider issues of mutual interest and to address challenges that are common to the Global South. The establishment of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 in 1994 has most certainly bolstered this cooperation. The primary objective set for this body was to enhance mutual collaboration, avoid duplication of efforts and provide greater efficiency towards the attainment of the common goals of developing countries. It also harmonizes and coordinates activities of both of our groupings in the economic and social fields within the context of South-South and North-South cooperation.
6. The strength of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 in defending and promoting our core values and principles is sustained by the solidarity of its Member States. The Non-Aligned Movement remains committed to preserving the unity of purpose and action achieved between our groupings.

Mr. Chair,

7. During the XVIII Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in October 2019, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Members States agreed to continue to strengthen the coordination and cooperation, as well as the formulation of common positions and strategies on economic development and social progress issues, as well as issues related to transnational organized crime with the Group of 77 through the Joint Coordinating Committee. The main objective in this regard is to advance the collective concerns and interests of developing countries at the relevant international fora, particularly in the context of UN reform, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in expanding and deepening South-South cooperation.
8. In this regard, the Member States of the Movement look forward to the Third South Summit of the Group of 77 to be held in April 2020, in Kampala, Uganda. We are confident that it will be another opportunity to further strengthen South-South Cooperation between our two forums and to help maintain a coherent, strong and coordinated position among developing countries on matters of mutual interest and concern.
9. Members of the Movement reaffirm once again the importance of strengthening the current institutional mechanisms for South-South Cooperation, regarding it as a



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complementary tool and *not* a replacement for North-South Cooperation. South-South Cooperation represents a collective endeavor of developing countries, that is based on the principle of solidarity and on the premises, conditions and objectives specific to the historic and political context of developing countries, as well as their needs and expectations for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Chair,

10. In conclusion, the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms its principled position regarding the economic development and social progress and reiterates its full commitment to multilateralism, as well as to the purposes and principles of the Group of 77. We look forward to achieving peace, prosperity and equitable world order, including through the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.