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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



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

**OPEN DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON  
“THE TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AFTER CONFLICT OR  
ATROCITIES: A BUILDING BLOCK TOWARDS SUSTAINING  
PEACE”**

*New York, 13 February 2020*

**Mr. President,**

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. At the outset, we would like to congratulate Belgium with the assumption of the presidency in the Security Council and pay our respect to His Excellency Mr. Philippe Goffin, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defense of Belgium.
3. We should also like to welcome H.E. Mrs. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other Distinguished panelists at today's open debate.

**Mr. President,**

1. Promoting and sustaining international peace is a key issue to the Non-Aligned Movement. The Movement and its Member States have historically opposed war and supported peace, fought against colonialism and neo-colonialism, rejected all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and struggled to suppress slavery and slave trade.
2. 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. The strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution, confidence building, national reconciliation, and post-conflict peace building, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development contributes to strengthening of international peace and security and to saving future generations from the scourge of war and armed conflict.



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3. The Member States of the Movement stands ready to take effective measures for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of peace to defend, promote, and encourage the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered.
4. The Movement also stresses that the root causes of conflicts should be addressed in a coherent, well-planned, coordinated and comprehensive manner, with other political, social, economic and developmental instruments.
5. During their XVIII Summit held in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, on 25-26 October 2019, the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement took note of the importance and merit of the concept of “Sustaining Peace”, as understood in the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly (A/RES/70/262) and the Security Council (S/RES/2282) and reaffirmed the primary responsibility of national governments, their leadership and ownership in identifying, driving and directing priorities, strategies and activities.
6. The Non-Aligned Movement also emphasizes the need for the involvement of all segments of society in peace processes, including women and youth, who can play an important role in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, as well as in peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts and in building peaceful and resilient societies. Inclusivity is key to advancing national peacebuilding processes and objectives in order to ensure that the needs of all segments of society are taken into account.

### **Mr. President,**

7. The Non-Aligned Movement proceed from the strict believe that the 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. Stemming from that, in cases where violations of international law take place, those responsible must be held accountable, in order to prevent their recurrence and seek sustainable peace, justice, truth and reconciliation. Otherwise, impunity will go rampant and perpetrators would be de facto encouraged to continue pursuing their crimes.

### **Mr. President,**

8. In conclusion, the Non-Aligned Movement underscores that there cannot be development without peace, and no peace without development. Therefore, we should redouble our collective efforts to improve synergies between the activities of peacekeeping and peacebuilding, as appropriate, and to attain the overall objective of sustaining peace, thus



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fulfilling the commitments made when our Heads of State or Government adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

I thank you, Mr. President.