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Mr. Vice-President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

We welcome convening this debate to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

On this commemorative occasion, the NAM reiterates its condemnation of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and expresses its serious concern on the resurgence of contemporary forms of such abhorrent crimes in various parts of the world.

Mr. Vice-President,

While we welcome the ongoing progress made by States at the national, regional and international levels, focusing on the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action, we also underline the fact that there is still much to be done in the fight with the scourge of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. In this regard, we would like to renew our call for finalizing the

elaboration of complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.

The NAM also expresses its dismay at instances of religious and cultural prejudices, intolerance and discrimination on the basis of religion or belief or different systems, which undermine the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and hinder the promotion of the culture of peace.

Therefore, the NAM underlines importance of international cooperation and initiatives that help promoting mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue.

In conclusion, we reiterate our call on all States to fully and effectively implement the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, which constitutes a solid foundation on the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference.

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.