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Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement on behalf of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the topic “Maintenance of international peace and security: upholding multilateralism and promoting the political settlement of disputes”, which was agreed for delivery at an open debate of the Security Council scheduled to take place on 19 March 2020 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 15 and 31, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar Aliyev  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 23 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Statement on behalf of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the topic “Maintenance of international peace and security: upholding multilateralism and promoting the political settlement of disputes”**

New York, 20 March 2020

1. The theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations – “The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism” – reflects the expectations of the international community.
2. 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.
3. The Non-Aligned Movement is committed to supporting 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 in promoting and supporting the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, peace and security, development and human rights.
4. At their eighteenth Summit, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 25 and 26 October 2019, under the theme “Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure a concerted and adequate response to the challenges of the 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.
5. 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.
6. The Non-Aligned Movement is committed to supporting and promoting 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 the inviolability of their international borders; the 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.
7. 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 a lawful means of settling international issues.
8. The Member States of the Movement highly emphasize the importance of taking effective measures for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of peace as well as 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.

9. The Movement denounces, and demands the repeal of, unilateral coercive measures against Member States that are not authorized by the United Nations Security Council in accordance with the Charter, or are inconsistent with the principles of international law or the Charter of the United Nations – given their extraterritorial implications and illegal character and as they violate human rights and prevent the full economic and social development of the peoples subjected to them.

10. We emphasize the significant role played by the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, in promoting and encouraging the 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, the 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.

11. 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.

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