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**Statement**

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of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International  
Organizations in Geneva on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

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Madame President,

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

The NAM reiterates the need to preserve the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) as the only international mechanism of intergovernmental cooperation to examine human rights issues at national level in all UN Member States on an equal footing.

Therefore, it is essential to ensure that the UPR is carried out by the Human Rights Council as a result-oriented cooperation mechanism, based on an interactive dialogue with full participation of a country under review and taking into account its capacity-building needs, as well as the need to eradicate selectivity, double standards, and politicization in the consideration of human rights issues.

The UPR should aim at strengthening the capacity of the Member States, upon their request, consent and in consultation with them, to implement their obligations on the promotion and protection of human rights.

The NAM highlights the need to ensure that the UPR is conducted objectively, on the basis of reliable information, and taking due account of information, comments and observations of a country under review. It should not be used as a tool to interfere in the internal affairs of States or to question their political, economic, and social systems, their sovereign rights, and their national, religious, and cultural peculiarities.

Guided by its aforementioned principled positions and proceeding from the need to preserve the cooperative approach in the Human Rights Council, the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms the need to prevent the mechanism of the Universal Periodic Review from its misuse and manipulation.

Thank you.