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Statement

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Madame President,

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

At the outset, allow me to extend our appreciation to the Chairperson of the Working Group on the Effective Implementation of Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the High Commissioner for Human Rights for their presentations.

The NAM has historically maintained unequivocal and principled position against all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and any kind of related intolerance.

We recall the Movement's condemnation of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and express serious concern on the resurgence of contemporary forms of such abhorrent crimes in various parts of the world, which constitute serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as impede equal opportunities.

There is an urgent need to address this scourge with greater resolve and political will, in all spheres of life and in all parts of the world, including all those under foreign occupation.

The NAM Member States reaffirm their commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA) of 2001, and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference of 2009. In this regard, the NAM reaffirms the validity of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, as the instructive documents, which

constitute a solid foundation for the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

We call on all Member States to fully and effectively implement all the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

We commend the ongoing progress made by the UN Member States at the national, regional and international levels, focusing on a comprehensive follow-up and implementation of these documents. To this end, we encourage the Human Rights Council, through its Intergovernmental Working Group, to finalize the elaboration of complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Pluralism, tolerance, dialogue and understanding of religious and cultural diversity are essential for peace and harmony. Acts of prejudice, discrimination, stereotyping, as well as racial, religious and sectarian profiling are affronts to human dignity and equality, and should be condemned. In this regard, the UN Member States should ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms without discrimination in all forms and in full equality before the law.

The NAM notes the importance of full and effective prohibition of any incitement to national, racial, or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, and implement it through all necessary legislative, policy and judicial measures.

We condemn the glorification, in any form, of the Nazi movement, neo-Nazism and former members of the Waffen SS organization, including by erecting monuments and memorials and holding public demonstrations in the name of the glorification of the Nazi past, the Nazi movement and neo-Nazism, as well as by declaring or attempting to declare such members and those who fought against anti-Hitler coalition and collaborated with the Nazi movement participants in national liberation movement.

The NAM recognizes the potential to increase the use of the new information and communications technologies, including the Internet, especially by national educational institutions, to create educational and awareness-raising networks and programs against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, both in and out of school.

Thank you.