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**Statement**

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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 Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

The Movement stresses that violence against women and girls, including manifestations of extreme violence continues to be a major obstacle to the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of women.

We are concerned that, 75 years since the establishment of the United Nations, 168 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection due to the increasing number of conflicts and disasters around the world<sup>1</sup>. It is also worrisome that 25 years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and 20 years since the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 promoting women's participation in ensuring peace and security, we still live in a world where women and girls face widespread violence and discrimination, especially in the time of humanitarian crises.

The NAM has consistently expressed its firm position with regard to the need to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls, especially in situations of armed conflict and foreign occupation, including the systematic use of abduction and rape as an instrument of war, as well as the trafficking in and victimization of women and girls. We express our abhorrence at the continuation of such acts, and call upon the States to take necessary measures aimed at ensuring the

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<sup>1</sup> Global Humanitarian Overview 2020, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

protection of women and girls, including in situations of armed conflict, bringing perpetrators to justice and providing access to justice for survivors.

The NAM also reiterates its call on the parties to armed conflicts to comply with their obligations applicable to them under international law relevant to the protection of civilians, including women and girls.

Finally, the Movement highlights the importance of joining efforts to combat all forms of violence against women and girls until its complete elimination.

Thank you.