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**Statement**

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

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Mr. Vice President,

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

The Movement is of the view that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (VDPA) continues to remain an important reference point in guiding our collective efforts to protect and promote human rights. In this regard, we recall the solemn commitment of all States made in Vienna Declaration on fulfilment of their obligations to promote universal respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, other instruments relating to human rights, and international law.

At its 18<sup>th</sup> Summit held in Baku in 2019, the NAM recalled the recommendation to States contained in the VDPA with regard to adopting national action plans to improve the promotion and protection of human rights and encouraged the NAM States to adopt such action plans.

While this year, we mark the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of this milestone document for the promotion and protection of human rights, global human rights challenges including ongoing and protracted conflicts, terrorism, unilateral coercive measures, inequality, poverty and racial and other forms of discrimination are still on the rise around the world. Increased number of human rights violations of victims, including displaced persons because of ongoing armed conflicts and terrorism

around the world necessitates more focused attention to this vulnerable people and taking efficient actions for restoring their violated rights.

The NAM believes that in order to effectively implement the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the international community should redouble its efforts to resolve longstanding international conflicts and disputes and address related human rights and humanitarian crises around the world.

In closing, the NAM reaffirms its commitment to the full and effective implementation of the VDPA.

Thank you.