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**Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance,  
follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of  
Action**

**Statement**

**delivered by Mr. Emin Aslanov, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission 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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Mr. Vice President,

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

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 opportunity.

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 Program of Action of 2001, and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference in 2009. In this regard, the NAM reaffirms the validity of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA), as the instructive documents, which constitute a solid foundation for the

struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. In this regard, the NAM calls on all Member States to fully and effectively implement all the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

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

The NAM reiterates its position that 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, 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 condemns 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 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.

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, Mr. Vice President.