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**Statement  
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

**delivered by Mr. Vuqar Hajiyev, Counsellor of the  
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International Organizations in Geneva,**

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

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

The NAM Member States recognize the importance of addressing the issue of migration through international, regional, bilateral cooperation and dialogue. We also underline that migration and development should be addressed comprehensively, mindful of their economic, social and environmental dimensions and include cultural and human perspectives.

The NAM Member States support effective promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants regardless of their migration status in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the obligations and commitments under the relevant international instruments to which they are Parties.

These views were also expressed by the Heads of State and Government of NAM Member States at the XVIII NAM Summit where they also recognized that trafficking

in persons and smuggling of migrants continue to pose a serious challenge to humanity and require a concerted international response.

The importance of global cooperation on migration became even higher with the spread of Covid-19 pandemic posing challenges not only on health matters, but also on economic well-being of migrants and other vulnerable groups.

In this connection, we would like to inform that the Task Force in response to Covid-19 was established at the NAM Summit held on 4 May this year in Baku. The goal of the Task Force is the elaboration of the database on basic humanitarian and medical needs and requirements of NAM Member States, for submitting them to donor countries, international humanitarian organizations and other related entities. In addition, at the initiative of the Non-Aligned Movement the UN General Assembly High-level Special Session in response to Covid-19 pandemic is going to be held on 3-4 December. We believe that this NAM initiative will strongly contribute to the international response against pandemic including its impact on migration.

We would like to stress that the IOM remains main partner of the majority of NAM countries in migration cooperation. We highly appreciate the work done by the IOM in addressing key issues of migration, particularly through the implementation of various projects in the NAM countries, aimed at better understanding of migration patterns and needs of migrants.

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement I would like to assure you of the support of the NAM to the activities of IOM on addressing the issues of global migration.

Thank you.