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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN H.E MR. YASHAR ALIYEV
ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
AT THE CEREMONIAL MEETING TO MARK THE FORMAL HANDOVER OF THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE GROUP OF THE 77 FROM THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA
TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN**

New York, 14 January 2022

Mr. Chair,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. At the outset, we would like to welcome and convey our congratulations to H.E. Mr. Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of the assumption by his country of the Chairmanship of the Group of 77 for 2022. Member States of the Movement express their confidence in Pakistan's ability to fulfill this important role and extend their full support to the Chair in carrying out its responsibilities. We look forward to deepening our engagement and partnership in addressing the matters of common interest to the Global South.
3. The Movement wishes to express its appreciation to H.E. Dr. Morissanda Kouyate, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, African Integration and Guineans Living Abroad of the Republic of Guinea. Non-Aligned Movement recognizes and commends the stewardship and proactive role of the Republic of Guinea in Chairing the Group of 77 in 2021.
4. We also would like to welcome and thank the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. António Guterres for his statement, and thank the President of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid for his pre-recorded statement, as well as welcome Chairs of the regional groups and the wider membership of the Group of 77 to this meeting.

Mr. Chair,

5. Partnership and cooperation between the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 have a long history. Both organizations, while sharing most of its Member States, also serve one common goal, with different focuses. The strength of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 in defending and promoting our core values and principles is sustained by the solidarity of its Member States. The Non-Aligned Movement remains committed to preserving the unity of purpose and action achieved between our groups.



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6. During the XVIII Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in October 2019 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, Member States agreed to continue to strengthen the coordination and cooperation with the Group of 77. The main objective is to advance the collective concerns and interests of developing countries in relevant international forums, particularly in the context of the UN reform, to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to expand and deepen South-South cooperation.
7. Members of the Movement reaffirm once again the importance of strengthening the current institutional mechanisms for South-South Cooperation, regarding it as a complementary tool and *not* a replacement for North-South Cooperation. South-South Cooperation represents a collective endeavor of developing countries that is based on the principle of solidarity and on the premises, conditions and objectives specific to the historic and political context of developing countries, as well as their needs and expectations for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Chair,

8. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and aggravated vulnerabilities and inequalities in both developing and developed countries, among them deepening poverty and exclusion. It is the poorest and most vulnerable who were hit the hardest by this pandemic and the Non-Aligned Movement is gravely concerned that further impact of the crisis will reverse hard-won development gains and hamper progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
9. The Non-Aligned Movement stresses the importance of affordable, timely, equitable and universal access by all countries to COVID-19 vaccines and in this regard welcomes the recent adoption of the resolution entitled “Ensuring equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic” by the UN General Assembly.
10. In conclusion, the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms its principled position regarding the economic development and social progress and reiterates its full commitment to multilateralism, as well as to the purposes and principles of the Group of 77. We look forward to achieving peace, prosperity and equitable world order, including through the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thank you.