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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN, ON
BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN DEBATE ON**

**“MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY: EFFECTIVE
MULTILATERALISM THROUGH THE DEFENSE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN
CHARTER”**

New York, 24 April 2023

Mr. President,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the 120 Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
2. At the outset, I congratulate Russian Federation on its successful presidency of the Security Council this month and express appreciation for the opportunity for the Movement to present its position on today's topic.
3. In this regard, we cannot forget that the theme for today's Open Debate coincides with the annual commemoration of the “International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace”, a significant date that was promoted by our Movement, in line with its historic commitment with the promotion and preservation of multilateralism and the facilitation of diplomacy, and which, in the midst of the current international juncture, shall serve as an opportunity for both promoting the values of the United Nations and reaffirming the faith of our peoples in the purposes and principles enshrined in its founding Charter.

Mr. President,

4. The Non-Aligned Movement is committed to supporting multilateralism with the United Nations at its core. Preserving and strengthening the values of multilateralism and international cooperation, which underpin the Charter of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is fundamental in promoting and supporting the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, peace and security, development and human rights.
5. At their eighteenth Summit, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 25 and 26 October 2019, the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirmed the validity of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and norms of international law as indispensable in preserving and promoting peace and security, the rule of law, economic development and social progress and all human rights for all.



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6. The strict observance of the principles of international law and the fulfillment in good faith of the obligations assumed by States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, are of the greatest importance for the maintenance of international peace and security.
7. The Non-Aligned Movement is committed to supporting and promoting the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and norms of international law, including those relating to the territorial integrity of States and the inviolability of their international borders; the inadmissibility of the use of force; non-interference in the internal affairs of States; and the right to self-determination of peoples under foreign occupation and colonial or alien domination.
8. Every State has the duty to refrain, in its international relations, from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations. Such a threat or use of force constitutes a violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations and shall never be recognized as a lawful means of settling international issues.
9. The Member States of the Movement highly emphasize the importance of taking effective measures for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of peace as well as to defend, promote and encourage the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered.
10. The Movement denounces, and demands the repeal of, unilateral coercive measures against Member States that are not authorized by the United Nations Security Council in accordance with the Charter, or are inconsistent with the principles of international law or the Charter of the United Nations – given their extraterritorial implications and illegal character and as they violate human rights and prevent the full economic and social development of the peoples subjected to them.

Mr. President,

11. The Movement reaffirms and underscores its principled position and commitment with regard to the promotion of the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the relevant United Nations resolutions, including those adopted by the Security Council.
12. In that context, we emphasize the significant role played by the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, in promoting and encouraging the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the Court. The Movement urges the Security Council, the General Assembly and other organs of the United Nations



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and its specialized agencies duly authorized to make greater use of the International Court of Justice as a source of advisory opinions and interpretation of international law within the scope of their activities.

13. The Movement, faithful to its commitment to strengthening its role as an anti-war and peace-loving force, reaffirms its determination to work for the establishment of a peaceful and prosperous world and a just and equitable world order. We also renew our determination to work for a multipolar world through the strengthening of the United Nations and multilateral processes, which are indispensable to our efforts to promote the interests of our nations and humankind as a whole.

I thank you, Mr. President.