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Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

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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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Thank you, Madame President,

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

2. The NAM has historically maintained unequivocal and principled position against all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and any kind of related intolerance.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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, 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.

6. The NAM commends 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

Madame President,

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. We condemn 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.

10. 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.

11. In conclusion, we reiterate our call on all States to fully and effectively implement the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

Thank you, Madam President.