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**General debate on Agenda Item 3**

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development**

**Statement**

**delivered by Shahriyar Hajiyev, Third 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**

Thank you, Madame President,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
2. In the Final Outcome Document of the 18<sup>th</sup> Summit of the NAM held in October 2019 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Heads of State and Government reaffirmed the significant importance the Movement attaches to the promotion and protection of human rights and to the fulfilment of obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in accordance with the UN Charter, other core International Human Rights instruments, as appropriate, and international law
3. The NAM reaffirms that all human rights, including the right to development, are universal, inalienable, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated. With this in mind, the Human Rights Council should provide equal treatment to both civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as well as the right to development.
4. In this regard, the human rights issues must be addressed within the global context through a constructive, non-confrontational, non-politicized and non-selective dialogue-based approach, in a fair and equal manner, with objectivity, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency as the guiding principles, taking into account the political, historical, social, religious and cultural particularities of each country

5. We further call upon all States and UN Human Rights mechanisms to ensure that human rights are not used for political purposes and as a pretext for interference in internal affairs.
6. We also emphasize the importance of adopting constructive approach in the promotion and protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, and in this regard encourage all States to focus on genuine dialogue and cooperation with each other. Provision of capacity building and technical assistance in consultation with and upon the consent of the concerned states based on their needs and priorities would be another important achievement in this direction.
7. Taking into account the unprecedented universal impact of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic affecting all, the NAM stresses the importance of affordable, unhindered and equitable access by all countries to medicines, vaccines and medical equipment, which should constitute an integral part of a coordinated and effective global response to COVID-19. In this regard, the NAM reiterates its belief on the importance of the international cooperation for mitigation of the negative effects of the pandemic.

Thank you, Madame President.