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on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

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Madame Chair,

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

Today, on the eve of the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), NAM takes this opportunity to reiterate and render its full support to the Guiding Principles. The UN Human Rights Council set global standards on business and human rights by unanimously endorsing UNGPs in 2011.

The Movement stresses that the Guiding Principles, first corporate human rights responsibility initiative endorsed by the UN, continues to remain a key global foundation in guiding our collective efforts to protect and promote human rights in the field of business activities.

NAM attaches significant importance to the promotion and protection of human rights and commitment to fulfill obligations to promote universal respect for all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in accordance with the UN Charter and international law **(GD on Item 4 at HRC 43, 45)**.

We call upon the transnational corporations and other business enterprises to respect human rights, and to operate transparently in a social and environmentally responsible manner, and in this regard, underlined the need to take further steps to prevent abuses in the field of human rights by transnational corporations as it was stated at the 18th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non Aligned Movement Final Document, 1085.

At the same time, it is a matter of concern that, despite long standing efforts of the international community to ensure corporate human rights protection, including through

the endorsement of UNGP's, we continue to face overwhelming challenges in the area. We believe the international community should redouble its efforts to ensure the protection of human rights including through the prevention of corporate human rights abuse and violations.

Last but not least, NAM hopes that the discussions today will generate policy recommendations and practical measures for implementation of the UNGPs and reaffirms its commitment to the full and effective implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.