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**Statement**

**delivered by Mr. Emin Aslanov, First 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 (NAM)**

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**Thank you, Madam President.**

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
2. NAM welcomes High Commissioner's determination to further strengthen constructive engagement with Member States on both bilateral and multilateral human rights issues. We also agree with her on the need for upholding the universality of and dealing impartially with all human rights, without distinction between countries and that, the UPR is an important tool to maintain a constant review of human rights developments and shortcomings of all member States.

**Madam President,**

3. We thank the High Commissioner for her efforts in advancing human rights promotion at the global level. The situation of human rights at the global scale necessitates the subsequent High Commissioners to work with all stakeholders to constructively promote human rights.
4. The High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet leads the Office in a crucial moment for the United Nations and for the international community in face of a world in which human rights norms are under big threat and attacks.

**Madam President,**

5. We share the High Commissioner's concern about severe acts of multiple forms of discrimination in many regions, widespread violations of economic and social rights, violations of human rights in the context of counter-terrorism and attacks motivated by stereotypes and hatred of many kinds.
6. NAM expresses grave concern regarding the continued deterioration of the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, including in particular the Gaza Strip, and stresses that the status quo is unsustainable and that the situation requires immediate attention by the international community.

**Madam President,**

7. Global human rights challenges including deteriorating democratic values, ongoing and protracted conflicts, inequality, poverty and racial and other forms of discrimination are on the rise around the world. Therefore, the expectations of UN Member States from the work of the High Commissioner and her Office are adequately higher than ever.
8. While exercising duties in relation to the UN Member States, the High Commissioner must bear in mind the existing challenges and national contexts and circumstances of Member States, to exercise objectivity, independence and impartiality in his/her actions, avoiding imposing new practices and to favour constructive dialogue and cooperation, as well as to provide advisory services, technical and financial assistance, upon request of the States concerned, with a view to supporting their actions and programmes in the field of human rights.
9. In line with the General Assembly resolution 48/141, the High Commissioner have to strictly uphold in her activities the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and domestic jurisdiction of States and to ensure that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated.
10. Increased number of human rights violations of victims, including IDPs and refugees because of ongoing wars and armed conflicts around the world necessitates the High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet to pay more focused attention to this vulnerable people and to take efficient actions for restoring their violated rights.

**Madam President,**

11. NAM reaffirms on the need to respect the right of all to choose the values and principles appropriate to their people for the protection and promotion of human rights and the rejection of an attempt by some to impose their values and cultures under the pretext of the universality of human rights.

12. Finally, the Movement reaffirms its commitment to constructively work with the High Commissioner to strengthen the credibility of the human rights apparatus and to build an international order based on inclusion, mutual understanding and respect for cultural diversity.

I thank you.