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Madam President,

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

At the outset, we would like to express our appreciation for holding this urgent debate in a time when racially inspired human rights violations, systemic racism, racially motivated police violence are on the rise around the world.

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

The NAM condemns all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and expresses 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 opportunities.

We seize this opportunity also to express our concern about the increased use of mass media to promote and disseminate racism, racial hatred, xenophobia, racial discrimination and related intolerance and, in this regard, we call on all Member States to devote the highest priority to educational programs that promote dialogue

and tolerance among communities in order to curb the scourge of hate speech. Moreover, international cooperation and initiatives that help promoting mutual understanding between communities shall be encouraged and strengthened towards that end.

To conclude, the NAM emphasizes the need to address with greater resolve and political will all forms and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in all spheres of life and in all parts of the world. In this regard, the NAM reiterates its call on all States to fully and effectively implement the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference.

Thank you, Madam President.