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on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

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Madame President,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). The full version of this statement will be available on the extranet.
2. NAM welcomes the High Commissioner's determination to further strengthen constructive engagement with Member States on both bilateral and multilateral human rights issues, and appreciates her efforts in advancing human rights at global level, particularly in the time of global emergency caused by COVID-19.
3. Global human rights challenges including deteriorating democratic values, ongoing and protracted conflicts, foreign occupation, unilateral coercive measure, inequality, poverty, and racial and other forms of discrimination are on the rise around the world. The increasing number of human rights violations, including of IDPs and refugees because of ongoing wars and armed conflicts around the world, necessitates the High Commissioner to pay more focused attention to these vulnerable people and to take efficient actions for restoring their violated rights.

4. 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, and attacks motivated by stereotypes and hatred of many kinds. Therefore, the expectations of the UN Member States from the work of the High Commissioner and her Office are adequately higher than ever.

5. We also agree with the High Commissioner on the importance of upholding the universality of and dealing impartially with all human rights, without distinction between countries. While exercising duties in relation to the UN Member States, the High Commissioner has to bear in mind the existing challenges and national contexts and circumstances of Member States, to exercise objectivity, independence and impartiality in 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 support their actions and programmes in the field of human rights.

6. In line with the General Assembly resolution 48/141, the High Commissioner has to strictly uphold in her activities the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to respect sovereignty, territorial integrity and domestic jurisdiction of States and to ensure that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated.

7. Furthermore, the NAM reaffirms its position on the need to respect the right of all to choose values and principles appropriate to their people for the protection and promotion of human rights and the rejection of attempts to impose their values and cultures under the pretext of the universality of human rights.

8. 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.

Thank you.