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Madame President,

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

NAM attaches significant importance to the promotion and protection of human rights and commitment to fulfil 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 and international law.

NAM reaffirms that democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing.

We also reaffirm that human rights issues must be addressed within the global context through a constructive, non-confrontational, non-politicized, non-selective and 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.

In this regard, we reiterate the Movement's dismay and unequivocal condemnation of gross and systematic violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms and situations that constitute serious obstacles to their full enjoyment.

Madame President,

NAM stresses the need to preserve the positive developments achieved since the establishment of the Human Rights Council in the context of its work, including its institutional building package.

The Movement emphasizes the role of the Council for consideration of human rights situations in all UN Member States through the Universal Periodic Review based on cooperation and constructive dialogue.

In this regard, the Movement expresses its deep concern over the proliferation of the practice of selective adoption of country-specific resolutions in the Council, which is a tool that exploits human rights for political purposes and breaches the principles of universality, objectivity and non-selectivity in addressing human rights issues which undermine cooperation as the essential principle to effectively promote and protect all universally recognized human rights for all.

We encourage the Council to give adequate attention in the discussion on human rights to the issues of poverty, underdevelopment, marginalization, climate change, digital divide, instability, foreign occupation and illegal settlements, that engender social and economic exclusion and violation of human dignity and human rights, which cannot be divorced from any meaningful discussion relating to human rights.

In this context, we recognize that States have the primary responsibility to promote durable solutions for their internally displaced persons in situations of terrorism and armed conflict, including their voluntary return in safety and with dignity, as well as to ensure respect, protection and fulfilment of their human rights.

Madame President,

In conclusion, the Movement calls upon all Members States of the Council to promote international cooperation and constructive dialogue and prevent the occurrence of practices of double standards, selectivity and political manipulation.

Thank you.