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STATEMENT

**by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement
at the Social Forum**

***“Good Practices, Success Stories, Lessons Learned and Current Challenges in
Combating Poverty and Inequalities”
8 October 2020***

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair,

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Member States.
2. The NAM attaches importance to the Social Forum, as being a unique space, it creates a platform where an open dialogue, exchange and sharing of best practices among various stakeholders become a possibility.
3. Poverty and Inequalities as the topic of this year's Forum stand in the centre of the sustainable development.
4. The NAM recognizes that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.
5. The NAM also recognizes that inequality within and among countries is a concern for all countries regardless of their level of development and that it represents a growing challenge with multiple implications for the realization of economic and social potential and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
6. In the Final Outcome Document of the 18th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Baku, Azerbaijan in October 2019, the Heads of State and Government of the Movement reaffirmed that poverty eradication in all its forms and dimensions should remain the center piece of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
7. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement underscores the central role of the global partnership for development and the importance of providing the necessary means of implementation for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and calls on the international community to intensify its efforts to provide enhanced means of

implementation to the developing countries through a strengthened global partnership in the collective quest to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions

8. Taking into account the exacerbating negative effect of the COVID-19 on the poverty and inequalities, the NAM reiterates its belief on the importance of the international cooperation to mitigate the results of this health calamity as it has impacted all countries around the world, especially the developing countries and least developed countries.

I thank you.