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**COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION (WHO) AND ITS DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) recalls the Communiqués issued on 26 May 2017 and on 25 March 2020, on “The Election of Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)” and on “The COVID-19 Pandemic”, respectively.
2. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) extends its full support to the WHO and to the leadership of its Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, while recognizing the critical role and guidance it is currently playing on the frontlines, including with the provision of guidance, training, equipment and concrete life-saving services, in order to ensure the effective response of the international community to the ever-increasing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is the greatest human crisis and health emergency of our times.
3. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is confident that Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will continue discharging his duties as Director-General of the WHO with utmost responsibility, to continue advancing the stated goal of the Organization, “to build a better and healthier future for people all over the world”, emphasizing that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being.
4. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reiterates that it is time to avoid the politicization of the virus and to set aside all political ideologies and discrimination for the sake of all humankind; it is time for global unity and for redoubling international solidarity and multilateral cooperation in order to, together, ensure that our common enemy, COVID-19, is defeated sooner rather than later, along with its severe health and socio-economic consequences.

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