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## POLITICAL DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) ON “THE ROLE FOR THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN POST-PANDEMIC GLOBAL RECOVERY: THE WAY FORWARD”

We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Member States, gathered on 21 September 2022, under the theme of “The Role for the Non-Aligned Movement in Post-Pandemic Global Recovery: The Way Forward” on the margins of the High-Level Segment of the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in New York, undertook a review of the state of the international situation, particularly to elaborate on the role of the NAM on post-pandemic recovery issues, and hereby:

1. *Reiterate* our strong commitment to the purposes, principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,
2. *Reaffirm* the vision, principles and objectives of the Non-Aligned Movement, articulated in Bandung (1955) and Belgrade (1961), and guided by the Declaration on the Purposes and Principles and the role of the Non-Aligned Movement in the present international juncture, adopted at the 14th NAM Summit in Havana, Cuba, on 16 September 2006, in the efforts to achieve a world of peace, equality, cooperation and well-being for all,
3. *Remain* committed to promote the faithful observance of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and cooperation among States and the fulfillment in good faith of the obligations assumed by States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations which is of the greatest importance for the maintenance of international peace and security,
4. *Expedite* the Movement’s decision-making and improve its working Methods, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Cartagena and Havana Documents on Methodology of the Movement, through determined and timely action in order to contribute more effectively to the multilateral process and to ensure that its work is carried out in a more transparent and consultative manner, and *renew* our determination to continue adhering to the working methods and established practice of the Movement, specifically with regards to the making all decisions by consensus, as defined in these documents,
5. *Reiterate* the full validity of the founding principles of the Movement and recognize the achievements that have marked its historical developments, which ratify that the fight against colonialism and neo-colonialism, racism, all forms of foreign intervention, aggression, foreign occupation, domination or hegemony, as well as the intention of becoming a balancing factor in international relations, outside of the military alliances of the centers of power, remain concrete expressions of the policy of non-alignment,
6. *Acknowledge* that preserving and strengthening the values of multilateralism and international cooperation, which underpin the Charter of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is fundamental to promoting and supporting the three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, development and human rights,



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7. *Welcome* the celebration of 24 April as the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace, designated through United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/127 initiated by our Movement, as a constructive means to promote the importance of developing friendly relations among nations in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of our Movement,
8. *Reaffirm* that every State has the duty to refrain in its international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, and that such a threat or use of force constitutes a violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations and shall never be employed as a means of settling international issues,
9. *Reaffirm* that all States shall respect the territorial integrity, sovereignty, the sovereign equality, political independence and inviolability of international borders of other States, comply with the principles of non-intervention in the internal affairs, the abstention from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, recommit to support and promote these principles of international law and to continue opposing any attempt aimed at partial or total disruption of the national unity or territorial integrity of States,
10. *Reaffirm and underscore* the validity and relevance of the Movement's principled positions concerning the right to self-determination of peoples under foreign occupation and colonial or alien domination,
11. *Stress* that a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the question of Palestine, based on internationally-endorsed parameters enshrined in the relevant UN resolutions, in all its aspects must remain a priority on the Movement's agenda and remains also a permanent responsibility of the United Nations until it is satisfactorily resolved in all aspects in accordance with international law and the relevant United Nations resolutions; and *reaffirm* their commitment to the principles and positions regarding the question of Palestine adopted in previous Summit Outcome Documents and Ministerial Declarations; and appeal for strengthened international efforts to achieve a just solution that ensures the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including to self-determination, and the independence of the State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and a just solution for the plight of the Palestine refugees based on General Assembly resolution 194 (III),
12. *Reiterate* the Movement's position reflected in the final document of the 18<sup>th</sup> Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan 25-26 October 2019, regarding the Occupied Syrian Golan, including its demand that Israel comply with the UN Security Council resolution 497 (1981) and fully withdraw from the occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967 in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338,
13. *Reaffirm* our shared commitment to maintaining and promoting international and regional peace, security and stability, as well as to the peaceful resolution of disputes, including full respect for legal and diplomatic processes, without resorting to the threat or use of force, in accordance with the universally recognized principles of international law,



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14. *Reiterate* continued concern over current challenges in the field of disarmament and international security. In this regard, while reaffirming our principled positions on and reiterating that nuclear disarmament remains one of the highest priorities of our Movement, we *call* for renewed efforts to resolve the current impasse in achieving nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects,
15. *NAM States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)* express their disappointment over the failure of the Tenth NPT Review Conference, held in New York from 1 to 26 August 2022, to produce a consensual outcome document. *NAM States Parties to the NPT* further *call* on all Nuclear-Weapon States (NWS) to promptly implement their long overdue obligations under the NPT and the commitments agreed by consensus at past NPT Review Conferences without further delay. Furthermore, they also *urge* all NWS to refrain from any action that would run counter to the Treaty's objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the cessation of the nuclear arms race,
16. *Call upon* all Member States to renew and fulfill their individual and collective commitments to multilateral cooperation as an important means of pursuing and achieving their common objectives in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation,
17. *Welcome* multilateral efforts towards nuclear disarmament and the total elimination of nuclear weapons, and *take note* of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) on 22 January 2021, as well as the convening of its First Meeting of States Parties in Vienna, Austria, from 21 to 23 June 2022. It is hoped that the TPNW would contribute to furthering the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons. *NAM States Parties to the Treaty* are fully committed to its implementation in order to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons,
18. *NAM States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)* once again *express* their longstanding strong support for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. *NAM States Parties to the NPT* further underline the prime importance of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East, which is an integral and essential part of the package of decisions reached without a vote that enabled the indefinite extension of the NPT in 1995. Pending its establishment, *NAM States Parties to the NPT* demand that Israel, the only non-party to the NPT in the region renounce any possession of nuclear weapons, accede to the NPT without precondition and further delay, place promptly all its nuclear facilities under IAEA full-scope safeguards,
19. *NAM States Parties to the NPT* welcome, in this regard, United Nations General Assembly Decision 73/546, and the convening of First and Second Sessions of the Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. *NAM States Parties to the NPT*, *stress* that the 1995 resolution and other decisions on the subject adopted within the context of the NPT Review Conferences remain valid until the objectives are achieved, and the implementation of Decision 73/546 is without prejudice to their validity and shall not also be construed as their replacement,



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20. *Express* full solidarity and support to the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the massive scale of destruction and huge loss of life, property, infrastructure, livestock and livelihoods caused by unprecedented floods, triggered by heavy monsoon rains, reflecting the adverse impact of climate change, *recognize* the urgency of undertaking an extensive rescue and relief operation and *support* the Government of Pakistan's efforts for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction, and *urge* the international community, in particular donor countries, international financial institutions and relevant international organizations, as well as the private sector and civil society to extend full support and assistance to the Government of Pakistan in mobilizing necessary financial resources for its plans for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction with a view to ameliorating humanitarian suffering, mitigating the adverse impact of the floods and climate change and adapting to the continuing threats and impacts of climate change,
21. *Stress* the imperative need for the international community to work in unity and solidarity through a collective approach to overcome global challenges and mitigate their multifaceted impacts, in particular, the COVID-19 pandemic and its ensuing crises, in the spirit of collaboration, and solidarity, not confrontation,
22. *Emphasize* that in the face of this type of global emergency, the spirit of solidarity must be at the center of our efforts and a high level of ethical and humanist commitment is required, where solidarity and selfless cooperation prevail in order to provide the peoples in need with medicines, medical equipment and supplies, food, exchange of expertise and good practices,
23. *Recognize* that since the outbreak of the pandemic, NAM and many of its members have been at the center of efforts in eliminating the negative consequences of COVID-19, bilaterally and multilaterally *inter alia*, by putting forward important initiatives within the United Nations and providing necessary medical supplies, including COVID-19 vaccines, which has been widely recognized by the international community and *further stress*, in this regard, the need for the Movement to maintain its leading role also in preparation for the post-pandemic period,
24. *Express deep concern* about the low availability of COVID-19 vaccines in low- and middle-income countries. In this regard, we welcome the efforts of countries which have supplied COVID-19 vaccines, and actively encourage further sharing of vaccines doses from all countries in a position to do so, without politicization to low- and middle-income countries and other countries in need, including through COVAX, including on the basis of the WHO allocation framework, for fair access and equitable allocation of COVID-19 vaccines health products,
25. *Recognize* the importance of cooperation and experience sharing among NAM Member States on post-pandemic recovery, and *stress*, in this regard, our determination to explore all opportunities for gathering together in different formats to deliberate on these issues with potential tangible outcomes with a view to overcoming existing challenges in a manner that reflect the expectations of NAM Member States from the post-COVID period,
26. *Acknowledge* the need to further strengthen collective commitment at the highest level to support pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (PPR) and to bring-in systematic reforms in our approach to Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPR) beyond the current pandemic, and underline the importance of strengthening the role of the World Health Organization



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as the central organization on international health matters, as well as regional and national health actors, as appropriate, in collaboration with all other relevant entities,

27. *Welcome* the establishment of the Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF) for pandemic PPR under the G20 Indonesia Presidency, to address the current gaps in funding for pandemic PPR and to ensure the sustainability of its funding and WHO's centrality in the governance framework,
28. *Underscore* that the promotion of dialogue among civilizations and the culture of peace globally, in particular through the full implementation of the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations and its Programme of Action and the Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace could contribute to a lasting peace in the post pandemic global recovery,
29. *Note* with concern that the collective desire of the Movement to establish a peaceful and prosperous world as well as a just and equitable world order remains encumbered by fundamental impediments, which are in the form of, *inter alia*, the severe adverse impact of the global financial and economic crises, the continuing lack of resources and underdevelopment of the majority of the developing world, continuing unequal terms of trade and the lack of cooperation from developed countries, as well as the coercive and unilateral measures imposed by some of them and the use of force or the threats of use of force, further exacerbated by the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the multifaceted crises the world is facing nowadays, particularly in the fields of extreme weather, climate change, food and energy security,
30. *Emphasize* the need to enhance countries' manufacturing and research capacity through innovation and transfer of technology with the support of developed countries and advance industries,
31. Supporting the effective implementation of the Ministerial Decision on the TRIPS Agreement adopted at the 12<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference, *emphasize* the need to urgently decide on the extension of the Decision to therapeutics and diagnostics, as mandated by the Decision,
32. *Express* strong condemnation at the promulgation and application of unilateral coercive measures against Member States of the Movement, in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly the principles of non-intervention, self-determination and independence of States. In this respect, *reiterate* determination to denounce, and demand the repeal of, such measures, which affect human rights and prevent the full economic and social development of the peoples subjected to them,
33. *Reaffirm* NAM's principled position and firm commitment in the fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and, in this connection, reiterate the obligation of all Member States to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorist acts, refrain from providing any form of support, active or passive, to entities or persons involved in terrorist acts, including by suppressing recruitment of members of terrorist groups and eliminating the supply of weapons to terrorists, deny terrorists safe haven, freedom of operations, movement and recruitment, and also to prevent refugee status from being abused by the perpetrators, organizers or facilitators of terrorist acts, and also calls upon Member States to take appropriate measures to ensure, before granting asylum, that the asylum seeker has not planned, facilitated or participated in the commission of terrorist acts,



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and further call upon all Member States to strengthen cooperation to counter the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters,

34. *Underscore* the need, under the current international circumstances, for strengthened unity within and increased effectiveness of the Non-Aligned Movement, in view of the emerging threats and challenges to international peace, security and sustainable development,
35. *Welcome* the offer of the Republic of Uganda to host the XIX Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement from 5-9 December 2023 and request NAM Member States to actively participate in that Summit,
36. *Reaffirm* that the effective implementation of the documents of the NAM Summits and Ministerial Meetings requires the highest commitment and determination of all NAM Member States to decisively address the challenges posed in the areas of peace, economic and social development, human rights and international cooperation, and for which we will make joint efforts to achieve the desired objectives.

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