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**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY H.E. MR. HECTOR CONSTANT,  
AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT DELEGATE OF THE BOLIVARIAN  
REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA TO UNESCO, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-  
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) DURING THE 205<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF UNESCO**

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**Madame Director-General,  
Chair of the Executive Board,  
Distinguished Delegates,**

1. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in its capacity as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), is honored to take the floor at this 205th session of the Executive Board to, first of all, greet and congratulate the work of the Chair of the Executive Board, as well as of the Chairmanship of the Preparatory Group for the work done in these past months. The NAM would also like to acknowledge the importance of the inclusion of several items on our Agenda, on which UNESCO is called to efficiently fulfill its priorities defined in 37 C/4 and 39 C/5, as well as to contribute to the SDGs 2030.

**Esteemed colleagues,**

2. The current international context invites us to continue working so that the ongoing transformation process of UNESCO is intergovernmental, transparent and inclusive, capable of effectively and coherently articulating administrative and financial management with programmatic management policies. All countries win when there is a clear compass and strength in a context of growing unilateralism. For this reason, we wish to draw your attention to the fragmentation and delay in the delivery of the documents related to item 5, part III-D, looking forward to the discussions to clarify all difficulties, and enhance the comprehension and impact of the Strategic Transformation proposal.
3. Likewise, the NAM considers that the strategic transformation of UNESCO cannot be a process isolated from the recommendations adopted by various General Conferences of UNESCO, including the 39th General Conference, and should factor in the lessons learnt and efforts made over the years to reform the organization. For this reason, the inclusion of point 33 on the agenda of this Board also constitutes a space for discussion and reflection on the reforms undertaken by the governing bodies of this Organization. Consistent with these aspirations, NAM gives great importance to the discussion of item



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36 of the agenda, recalling that recommendation 130 of resolution 39 C/87 establishes that "the governing and subsidiary bodies can be requested to continue addressing the issue of the reform of governance in their respective agendas...". In this sense, the reform of the Committee of Conventions and Recommendations is particularly important not only to improve its working methods, but also to ensure the balance between the two mandates it has, and avoid politicization.

4. Committed to right to education for all, the NAM strongly condemns the harmful impact on education in the Palestinian refugee's camps due to the irresponsible attempts to wipe out the UNRWA – United Nations Relief and Works Agency in the Near East.

**Mr. Chairman,**

5. On the basis of respect for the principle of non-interference in internal affairs, international cooperation, and solidarity, the NAM urges preserving the values associated with the culture of peace, promoting protection of World Heritage and the collective memory of humanity, which contribute to the objectives of this Organization. The NAM continues to be closely attached to cultural diversity, condemns any attempt to destabilize the sovereignty and territorial integrity of its members and strongly opposes to the establishment of extremism as a form of international expression.

Thank you very much.