



**CHAIR OF THE  
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT  
VIENNA CHAPTER**



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE  
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-  
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), DURING THE SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC  
ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) ON “CONCLUSION OF SAFEGUARDS  
AGREEMENTS OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS”**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Vienna Chapter of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. NAM welcomes the conclusion of a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement between the State of Palestine and the Agency in connection with the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) contained in document GOV/2018/12. By concluding this Agreement, the State of Palestine is reiterating its commitment to the NPT and contributing to achieve its universality in the Middle East region.
3. In this context, NAM welcomes that all its Member States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) conclude comprehensive safeguards agreements with the Agency in fulfillment of their obligation under paragraph 1 of Article III of the Treaty, as Non-Nuclear- Weapons States (NNWS). NAM notes that all States of the Middle East region except for Israel are parties to the NPT and have undertaken to accept comprehensive Agency safeguards.
4. In this regard, NAM emphasizes that all Member States should cooperate to reverse this unacceptable situation. NAM encourages the active participation of all Member States in achieving the universality of comprehensive IAEA safeguards in the Middle East region which is a necessary step towards the establishment of a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the Middle East.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.