



## CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



### **COMMUNIQUE OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON- ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) ON VIOLATIONS AND PROVOCATIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM**

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) strongly denounces the 6 December 2017 provocative and unilateral decision of the U.S. Government to recognize the City of Jerusalem as “the capital of Israel”, as well as the official move of the U.S. Embassy from Israel to the City of Jerusalem on 14 May 2018, in contravention of international law, relevant United Nations resolutions and the Charter’s prohibition of the acquisition of territory by force.
2. In light of this dangerous development, the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reiterates, once again, its firm commitment to the principles and positions adopted in previous Declarations, as well as by past Ministerial Meetings, including the most recent Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as in Summits of the Movement, regarding the question of Palestine, and reaffirm its abiding solidarity with the Palestinian people and unwavering support for their just cause.
3. In regards to Jerusalem and the unlawful actions by the U.S. Government, the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) recalls the Security Council’s numerous resolutions, including, inter alia, resolutions 476 (1980) and 478 (1980). It recalled, in particular, the Security Council’s reaffirmations regarding the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force; its recognition of the specific status of Jerusalem and the need for protection of the Holy Sites in the City; and its clear determination that “all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, which purport to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem have no legal validity and constitute a flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War”.
4. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) also recalls that in resolution 478 (1980), the Security Council specifically affirmed that the enactment of the “basic law” on Jerusalem by Israel constitutes a violation of international law and demanded that it be rescinded forthwith. The Security Council also called on all Member States to accept its decision not to recognize the “basic law” and any other such actions seeking to alter the character and status of Jerusalem, and directly called on “those States that have established diplomatic missions at Jerusalem to withdraw such missions from the Holy City”.



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5. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) also recalls that the Security Council's affirmation that "it will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations" in resolution 2334 (2016) stands, firmly and unequivocally. It further reiterates that the move of the U.S. embassy to the City of Jerusalem, as well as any other action contrary to relevant Security Council's resolutions positions on Jerusalem, including by other countries besides the U.S., does not have any legal effect and cannot change the applicability of international law to this situation.
6. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms that Israel is not recognized as sovereign over Jerusalem and its status remains unresolved; Jerusalem has long been designated a final status issue in the Middle East peace process; East Jerusalem remains occupied territory since 1967; and the move of the U.S. embassy does not change these facts.
7. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) also recalled the adoption of the General Assembly resolution ES-10/19 on 21 December 2017 by an overwhelming majority, reaffirming relevant resolutions; reiterating the call upon all States to refrain from establishing diplomatic missions in the Holy City of Jerusalem, pursuant to resolution 478 (1980) of the Security Council; and stressing that Jerusalem is a final status issue to be resolved through negotiations in line with relevant UN resolutions.
8. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) stresses that the illegal decisions and actions by the U.S. will only serve to embolden Israel to carry out policies and practices to further consolidate its control and unlawful de facto annexation of the City. Moreover, it strongly cautions that such actions will only continue to further heighten tensions, with potentially far-reaching repercussions. Hence, the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reiterates its call on the U.S. Government to reverse its decision of 6 December 2017 and the move of its Embassy of 14 May 2018, and to act in conformity with the relevant UN resolutions and in a manner that will salvage the prospects for a just solution and ensure, without delay, a future of peace, security, prosperity and dignity for both the Palestinian and Israeli peoples. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) further calls upon all States to continue to fully respect all Security Council resolutions related to Jerusalem and the situation in the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, stressing that such respect is essential for calming and rectifying the current situation and advancing the prospects for peace.
9. Considering the deterioration of the situation, the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms the urgency of immediate efforts to address the critical situation and revive hopes for the Palestinian people, with due consideration for this



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sensitive juncture of their plight in light of more than 50 years of the Israeli foreign occupation of their land and the marking, on 15 May 2018, of the passage of 70 years since the tragic Nakba of the Palestinian people in 1948. Reflecting on the Palestinian people's long suffering and struggle for realization of their inalienable human rights, it is hereby reaffirmed the resolve of the NAM Committee on Palestine, with the support of the Movement and the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) as a whole, to continue assisting the Palestinian people in their legitimate struggle for justice, dignity, peace and the exercise of their inalienable rights, including to self-determination and freedom in their independent State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and a just solution for the plight of the Palestine refugees based on resolution 194 (III).

10. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) thus calls for increased efforts to mobilize international efforts, in a collective process, aimed at achieving, without delay, an end to the Israeli occupation that began in 1967 and a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, on the basis of relevant UN resolutions, the Madrid terms of reference, including the principle of land for peace, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Quartet Roadmap, stressing that a peaceful solution to the question of Palestine is central for establishing peace and stability in the Middle East and globally.

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