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THE COORDINATING BUREAU
OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT
RESOLUTIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 74 (C), ENTITLED “HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATIONS AND REPORTS OF SPECIAL RAPORTEURS AND
REPRESENTATIVES”, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

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Mr. President,

1. It is an honor for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to take the floor on behalf of the 120 Member States comprising the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), in occasion of the action on draft resolutions under agenda item 74 (c), entitled “Human Rights Situations and Reports of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives”.

Mr. President,

2. During the XVIII Mid-Term Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in April 2018, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministers of the Movement emphasized the role of the Human Rights Council as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations General Assembly responsible for the consideration of human rights situations in all countries, in the context of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), based on cooperation and constructive dialogue.
3. At that time, they also expressed their deep concern over the continuation and the proliferation of the practice of selective adoption of country-specific resolutions in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly, as well as in the Human Rights Council, which is a practice that exploits human rights for political purposes, in breach of the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity in addressing human rights issues, which undermines cooperation as the essential principle to effectively promote and protect all universally recognized human rights for all. In this regard, they further expressed their concern over the proliferation of politicization and double standards, as well as country specific resolutions.

Mr. President,

4. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms the need to promote greater coherence and complementarity between the work of this Third Committee and the Human



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Rights Council, with a view to avoid unnecessary duplication and overlapping in their activities, and to create a working and constructive relationship between them in addressing human rights situations.

5. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement stress that the UPR is the main intergovernmental cooperative mechanism to review human rights issues at the national level in all countries without distinction, with the full involvement of the concerned country, and with due consideration given to its capacity-building needs.
6. In this connection, we reiterate the importance of ensuring its implementation as an action-oriented, cooperative mechanism based on objective and reliable information, as an interactive dialogue with full involvement of the countries under review, and conducted in an impartial, transparent, non-selective, constructive, non-confrontational and non-politicized manner. Additionally, States under review should include in their UPR report a mention of any unilateral coercive measures that they apply against other countries with an assessment of their human rights impact.

Mr. President,

7. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms the significant importance it attaches to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as their commitment to fulfill obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in accordance with the UN Charter, other core International Human Rights instruments, as appropriate, and international law as a whole.
8. Hence, the Member States of the Movement reiterate their dismay and unequivocal condemnation of gross and systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms and situations that constitute serious obstacles to their full enjoyment, as well as violent acts and activities that infringe upon their full enjoyment.
9. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms that all human rights, including the right to development, are universal, inalienable, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and that human rights issues must be addressed within the global context through a constructive, non-confrontational, non-politicized and non-selective, dialogue-based approach, in a fair and equal manner, with objectivity, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency as the guiding principles, taking into account the political, historical, social, religious and cultural particularities of each country.