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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 COMMEMORATION OF
THE “INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE”**

New York, 16 May 2018

Mr. President,

1. It is a great honor for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to take the floor on behalf of the 120 Member States that comprise the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
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 welcomed the adoption of the Resolution 72/130, which declares 16 May as the International Day of Living Together in Peace, to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. At that time, they also invited the international community to further promote reconciliation to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, including by working with communities, faith leaders and other relevant actors, through reconciliatory measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among individuals.
3. The commemoration of the “International Day of Living Together in Peace” certainly provides an opportunity for the international community to reaffirm its commitment to promote tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. While the latter is recognized by our Movement as the highest expression of respect, friendship and peace among States, tolerance and understanding are amongst our core values, which strengthen our unity, taking into account the rich diversity of our group.

Mr. President,

4. Nowadays, global peace and security continue to elude humankind as a result of, *inter alia*, increasing tendency and deepening by certain States to resort to unilateralism, arbitrariness and unilaterally imposed measures, non-fulfillment of the commitments and obligations assumed under the relevant international legally binding instruments especially on weapons of mass destruction and conventional weapons treaties, terrorism, conflicts, violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, the use of double standards in international relations, and the continuing failure and unwillingness of the majority of the developed countries to fulfill their commitments in the economic



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and social fields. In this regard, we underline the need for the international community, in particular NAM Member States, to collectively redress these situations through multilateralism, in accordance with the UN Charter and the principles of international law.

5. We are committed to enhance the status and role of our Movement as an anti-war peace-loving force, including through the promotion and preservation of dialogue among civilizations, culture of peace and inter-faith dialogue, which would contribute towards peace and security, **in accordance with the Bandung Principles**, taking into account the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the UN Charter, the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and the Declaration on the Enhancement of Effectiveness of the Principles of Refraining from the Threat or Use of Force in International Relations, and of the promotion of peace based on high ethical values, justice and friendship in order to denounce acts of aggression and to reinforce and promote stability, tranquility and durable peace throughout the world.
6. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), while reaffirming that tolerance, acceptance, non-discrimination, reconciliation, mutual understanding and respect are fundamental values of international relations and enablers of sustainable peace, underlines the need to live together in peace, respecting one another, with both our differences and similarities, for the sake of building a sustainable world of peace, harmony and solidarity.

I thank you, Mr. President.