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**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), ON THE REPORT OF THE
INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL
SOLIDARITY, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

New York, 16 October 2018

Mr. President,

1. It is an 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. At the outset, and this being the first time we address the Third Committee during this 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly, allow us to congratulate you, a fellow national from our Movement, on your assumption as Chair, as well as the other members of the Bureau of the Committee. Rest assured of our cooperation and support throughout your tenure.
3. Likewise, we would like to express our appreciation for the briefing of Mr. Obiora C. Okafor, Independent Expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity, to whom we pledge our support in the fulfillment of his mandate.

Mr. President,

4. International solidarity and human rights, including their protection and promotion, are fundamental and historic values upon which the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is based. As stated in the Declaration on the Purposes and Principles and the Role of our Movement in the current International Juncture, “solidarity is a fundamental component of relations among nations in all circumstances”.
5. Among the examples and experiences of international solidarity that unite and strengthen our Movement we could make reference to the South-South cooperation, which is an expression of solidarity and cooperation among the peoples and countries of the South, which contributes to their national wellbeing, including the realization of the right to development, which is guided by the principles of respect for sovereignty, national ownership and independence, equality, non-conditionality, non-interference in the internal affairs, and mutual benefit.



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6. Similarly, the response of the international community to pandemics that constitute a threat to public health and to various natural disasters is an example to follow in terms of solidarity and international cooperation. In this sense, the efforts of the international community to counter and eradicate the spread of various pandemics, as well as for confronting the aftermath of natural disasters around the world must be highlighted.

Mr. President,

7. During the XVIII Mid-Term Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in April 2018, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministers recognized that solidarity, the highest expression of respect, friendship and peace among States, is a broad concept encompassing the sustainability of international relations, the peaceful coexistence, and the transformative objectives of equity and empowerment of developing countries, whose ultimate goal is to achieve the full economic and social development of their peoples.
8. At that time, the Ministers, consistent with and guided by the Movement's principled positions, agreed, among others, to initiate further vigorous transparent and inclusive initiatives to achieve the realization of multilateral cooperation in the areas of economic development and social progress, peace and security, and human rights for all and the rule of law, including through enhancing the Movement's unity, solidarity and cohesiveness on issues of collective concern and interests, with the aim of shaping the multilateral agenda, to embrace development as a fundamental priority, which should take into account the need for the developing and developed countries, and international institutions to intensify partnerships and coordinate their efforts and resources to effectively address all imbalances in the global agenda.
9. In addition, it is the view of the Member States of the Movement that international solidarity, in particular with the poorest and with people in vulnerable situations, will be key in fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals, as contained in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, which recognizes, among others, the need for a revitalized global partnership, in order to ensure its full and effective implementation.
10. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms its commitment to achieve international cooperation based on solidarity among peoples and governments in solving international problems of a political, economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character.

I thank you, Mr. President.