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**Statement by the NAM President – Geneva Chapter  
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President of the Conference,  
Director-General,  
Excellencies,

I am honored to present this Statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

The NAM Ministers affirm the unwavering support to the consolidation and strengthening of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), to preserve its legacy and historical relevance and, thus, guarantee its strength and cohesion based on unity in diversity and the solidarity amongst its Member States.

Consider that the ILO Centenary Document should address the structure of its governance with the goal that it reflects its democratization and inclusion in the Governing Body of Member States of all regions.

Note with deep concern that the unemployed population will reach 174 million by 2020; and that the economic and social context will affect the right to freedom of association, right to organize and collective bargaining, the elimination of all forms of forced labour, the effective abolition of gender inequality and child labour and the elimination of discrimination in employment; and gender wage gap in labour participation.

Look forward to the outcome of the work of the Standard Setting Committee on “*Violence and harassment in the world of work.*”



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Urge the Director-General to continue promoting the acceptance of the 1986 Instrument of Amendment to the ILO Constitution, and urge the Member States that still haven't ratified this Instrument, to do so. The current composition of the Governing Body must represent the sovereign equality of all the States, as enshrined in the United Nations Charter, nor does it embody an adequate representation of all the regions, mainly the developing countries.

Highlight that the balance in the list of individual cases in terms of the four Regions must be the guiding principle in the case selection before the Committee on the Application of Standards.

Underscore the importance of continuing with the review on the procedures and the complaint's mechanism on freedom of association must be clear, objective and transparent.

Recognize the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, specifically Goal 8, which promotes sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all, the protection of labour rights and the promotion of safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers.

Recognize that the Right to Development is an human right and that its realization could foster achievement of every United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030.

Take note of the Report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work, which would drive growth, equity and sustainability for present and future generations.

Underscore the importance of social protection in the global development agenda in guiding action to combat poverty, inequality, and social exclusion.



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Reiterate that unilateral coercive measures seriously jeopardize all human rights, including the right to development and the right to work; condemn these measures and request States that apply to revoke them fully and immediately.

Consider that the ILO Centenary Document must express the need to strengthen the multilateralism and call to the States to refrain from applying unilateral coercive measures.

Condemn the Israeli occupation of occupied Palestinian territories as well as the occupied territories in the Syrian Golan; support to all efforts for the establishment of the independent Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Welcome the Report of the ILO Director-General on the situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories and express their deepest concern over the violation of human rights perpetrated by the occupying power, and unemployment in the Occupied Palestinian Territory has reached the highest in the world.

The NAM is proud of its broad and constructive participation during the discussions of the essential subjects of the Agenda in this 108<sup>th</sup> International Labour Conference.

Thank you.