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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 CHAIR OF
THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF
UNILATERAL COERCIVE MEASURES ON THE ENJOYMENT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

New York, 17 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, we would like to express our appreciation for the briefing of Mr. Idriss Jazairy, Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights.
3. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement welcome with appreciation the report of Mr. Idriss Jazairy, presented to the current session of the General Assembly, and contained in document A/73/175, which highlights the negative aspects of unilateral coercive measures and includes recommendations in order to minimize their adverse impact. [Agreed language from 2017 statement, with technical update]
4. Moreover, we encourage the work of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, which initiated with a research-based report, and contains both recommendations and innovative mechanisms to assess the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights and to promote new initiatives of accountability.

Mr. President,

5. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirms the positions agreed during its XVIII Mid-Term Ministerial Conference, held in April 2018, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, particularly their opposition to all unilateral coercive measures, including those measures used as tools for political or economic and financial pressure against any country, in particular against developing countries, which violate the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the rules and principles of international law. Similarly, it reaffirms that under no circumstances should people be deprived of their own means



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of subsistence and development, while expressing its concern at the continued imposition of such measures which hinder the well-being of population of the affected countries and that create obstacles to the full realization of their human rights. [Paragraph 861.2 of Baku Final Document]

6. This position, among others, was reaffirmed as recent as 26 September 2018, when the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Movement met on the sidelines of the 73rd Session of the General Assembly under the theme “Upholding the UN Charter and the Purposes and Principles of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM): Towards a Culture of Peace”. At that time, they also reiterated their strong concern at the growing resort to unilateralism and unilaterally imposed measures that undermine the UN Charter and international law, and further reiterated their commitment to promoting, preserving and strengthening multilateralism and the multilateral decision-making process through the UN, by strictly adhering to its Charter and international law, with the aim of creating a just and equitable world order and global democratic governance. [Paragraph 9 of Political Declaration of 26-Sept-2018]
7. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement believe that the full realization of the rights of the peoples is a long-standing aspiration, and so we reaffirm in every forum our firm determination to contribute to reaching a world where the sovereign equality of States prevails. In addition, we consider unilateral coercive measures as an arbitrary mechanism that undermines the full development of a truly democratic international order, and which can lead to the erosion and violation of the UN Charter, international law and human rights, the use and threat of use of force, and pressure and coercive measures as a means to achieving their national policy objectives. [Agreed language from 2017 statement, plus last sentence added on the basis of Paragraph 26.8 of Baku Final Document]
8. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) looks forward to the future comprehensive reports of Mr. Idriss Jazairy to both the Third Committee and the Human Rights Council. We reaffirm our appreciation for his work and wish him every success, while pledging our support in the fulfillment of his mandate. [Agreed language from 2017 statement, reformed on the basis of Paragraph 866 of Baku Final Document]

I thank you, Mr. President.