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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), ON THE REPORT OF THE
INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON THE PROMOTION OF A DEMOCRATIC
AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER, 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 and the work of Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Independent Expert on the Promotion of a Democratic and Equitable International Order, to whom we pledge our support in the fulfillment of his mandate.

Mr. President,

3. The establishment of peaceful and prosperous world, as well as a just and equitable world order, on the basis of the UN Charter and international law, has always been at the center of the goals of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). [Based on paragraph 23.1 of Baku Final Document]
4. In this connection, the Member States of the Movement seize this opportunity to reiterate their strong concern at the growing resort to unilateralism and unilaterally imposed measures that undermine the UN Charter and international law, and to further reiterate 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 24.4 of Baku Final Document]

Mr. President,

5. During the XVIII Mid-Term Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in April 2018, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministers reiterated that



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democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives. They also reaffirmed that while all democracies share common features, there is no single model of democracy, that it does not belong to any country or region, and further reaffirmed the necessity of due respect for sovereignty and the right to self-determination, and their rejection to any attempt to breakdown constitutional and democratic orders legitimately established by the peoples. [Based on paragraph 311 of Baku Final Document]

6. In addition, the Member States of the Movement also reaffirm that democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. The international community should support the strengthening and promotion of democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms in the entire world, without distinction between developed and developing countries, in compliance with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. [Paragraph 312 of Baku Final Document]
7. At that time, the Ministers also reaffirmed the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order (resolution 3201 (S-VI)) and the validity of their major principles by which the UN General Assembly proclaimed its determination to work urgently for the establishment of an international economic order based on equity, sovereign equality, interdependence, common interest and cooperation among all States, irrespective of their economic and social systems, which shall correct inequalities and redress existing injustices, making it possible to eliminate the widening gap between the developed and the developing countries, and ensuring steadily accelerating economic and social development and peace and justice for present and future generations. [Paragraph 592 of Baku Final Document]
8. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), while recognizing the importance of the promotion of democracy at the national level, calls for the promotion of the democratization of the system of international governance and reiterates the need to accelerate efforts for the establishment of democratic institutions and sound economic policies responsive to the needs of the people, on the basis of equity, non-discrimination, transparency, accountability, participation and international cooperation, including partnership and commitments in the international financial, monetary and trading systems, and full and effective participation of developing countries in decision-making and norm setting. [Based on Paragraphs 318.2 and 861.22 of Baku Final Document]

I thank you, Mr. President.