COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED WELCOMING THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCE OF OSCAR LÓPEZ RIVERA

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement welcomes the recent decision of the Government of the United States of America to commute the sentence of Puerto Rican political prisoner Oscar López Rivera, who has served for more than thirty-five years in prison.

2. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, in line with the founding Principles of Bandung, reaffirms the right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence, on the basis of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and expresses its unwavering support to the resolutions on Puerto Rico adopted by the UN Special Committee on Decolonization, while calling for their immediate implementation.

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