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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 SPECIAL  
RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD, WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

*New York, 19 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 Ms. Hilal Elver, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, to whom we pledge our support in the fulfillment of her mandate.

**Mr. President,**

3. The year 2018 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which in its Article 25.1 recognizes the right to food as a human right, and which is further recognized in the International Covenant of 1966 on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as in other important political declarations.
4. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), while reaffirming the right to food as a human right, calls upon the international community to continue actively engaged in the promotion of the realization of the right to food in all countries and urges Member States of the United Nations to pay special attention to the implementation of UN resolutions on the right to food adopted yearly by the General Assembly and Human Rights Council.

**Mr. President,**

5. During the XVIII NAM Mid-Term Ministerial Conference, held in April 2018, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministers reaffirmed that hunger constitutes a violation of human dignity and called for urgent measures at the national, regional and international levels for its elimination. They also reaffirmed the right of everyone to have access to safe and nutritious food consistent with the right to food and the fundamental right of



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everyone to be free from hunger, so as to be able to fully develop and maintain his or her physical and mental capacities. They also recognized the importance of food security for the realization of the right to food for all, and stressed that it is essential for States to promote efforts to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, with a view to achieving the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals.

6. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement recognize that, despite the efforts made and the fact that some positive results have been achieved, the problems of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition have a global dimension, that there has not been sufficient progress in reducing hunger and that these problems are increasing dramatically in some regions in the absence of urgent, determined and concerted action. In this connection, we express our deep concern at the high volatility in global food prices, which directly challenges the fundamental human right to food.
7. In addition, we seize this opportunity to note the need to further examine various concepts such as "food sovereignty" and its relation to food security and the right to food, taking into account the need to avoid any negative impact on the enjoyment of the right to food for all peoples at all times.
8. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reiterates that food should not be used as an instrument for political and economic pressure, and therefore reaffirms the importance of international cooperation and solidarity as well as the necessity of refraining from undertaking such unilateral coercive measures that affect the trade related to food that endanger food and nutrition security impacting specially groups in vulnerable situations and are not in accordance with international law and the UN Charter.

I thank you, Mr. President.