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**STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH
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ON BEHALF OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES**

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Mr. President,
Mr. Director-General,
Delegates,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement First, we want to ratify our commitment to the founding principles of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which emphasize that the enjoyment of the highest possible level of health is one of the fundamental rights of all human being. We consider that the strengthening of Primary Health Care is the most inclusive and effective approach to improve the physical and mental health of people, as a cornerstone of a sustainable health system for Universal Health Coverage.

We urge donor countries to meet their commitments to allocate 0.7% of their gross domestic product to official development assistance and urge donors to support international health cooperation programs and strengthen national health systems, through of capacity building and technology transfer.

More than 400 million people do not have access to basic health services and 40% of the world's population lacks Social Security. We call for joint work, in order to accelerate the transformation of health systems, help countries that require it and move towards Universal Health Coverage, in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

We reaffirm the determination of our countries to promote a more effective South-South Cooperation, as well as a triangular cooperation that complements the North-South Cooperation and allows the mobilization of additional resources to reach Universal Health Coverage

We condemn the enactment and application of unilateral coercive measures against the countries of the Movement, which violate the Charter of the United Nations and International Law, in particular the principles of non-intervention, self-determination and independence of the States subject to these practices.



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We denounce and demand the repeal of such measures, which affect human rights and impede full economic and social development, affecting the most vulnerable sectors of the countries that suffer their consequences. In the same way, we reaffirm that each State has full sovereignty over the totality of its wealth, natural resources and economic activity, to exercise it freely.

We reaffirm that unilateral coercive measures constitute a serious risk to human rights, including the right to health and the right to development as an inalienable, fundamental right and as an integral part of universally recognized human rights.

We recognize the historical significance of the adoption of the Declaration of the Right to Development, thirty-three years ago, promoted by the Non-Aligned Movement, which requires a profound change in the international economic structure, including the creation of favorable social conditions in developing countries.

We reiterate our urgent appeal to end the Israeli occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory since 1967, including East Jerusalem, in accordance with international law, international humanitarian law, human rights and the relevant United Nations resolutions.

We request Member States and international organizations to put an end to the violations committed by Israel, the occupying Power, the health situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the lifting of the State of Siege and its effects on the health situation, and provide the necessary support and assistance;

We condemn the measures taken by Israel, the Occupying Power, to modify the legal, physical and demographic situation in the occupied Syrian Golan, and call for an end to the health-related violations committed by Israel, to provide support and assistance to the Syrian population; and to withdraw from the occupied Syrian Golan to the borders of June 4, 1967.

Finally, we insist on the need to promote unity, solidarity and cooperation among States, and our commitment to build a new model of international relations based on the principles of peaceful coexistence, cooperation among nations and the right to equality of all States.

Thank you.