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On behalf of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)
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Honorable Ministers of Health,
Director - General,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

I would like to congratulate you for the 70th anniversary of the WHO; and recognizing the role playing by this organization as a fundamental organism of health in the United Nations System.

The NAM reaffirms its commitment to the principles of the World Health Organization Constitution, emphasizing that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health, is one of the fundamental rights of every human being.

The NAM would also like to reiterate its compromise to the purposes and the founding principles of the Non-Aligned Movement enshrined in Bandung (1955) to achieve a world of peace, justice, respect, fraternal friendship, solidarity, cooperation and development.

Reiterating the Decisions of the Summits of the Movement, regarding health, we express our commitment to the full implementation of the Declaration of the NAM approved by the XVII Summit of the Heads of States and Governments, Isla de Margarita, Venezuela 2016 and the adopted Baku Declaration at the 18th NAM Medium-Term Ministerial Meeting, held from 3 to 6 April 2018 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The NAM Members we underline the importance of the Resolution A/HRC/37/L.34 adopted by the Human Right Council in March 2018, on the "Promotion and



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protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development.

The NAM supports the Universal Health Coverage and the principles of primary health care and sustainability, for improving the resilience of health systems and supports communities to better realize health objectives.

Mr. Chairman,

The NAM Members recognizing the importance of those WHO reforms aimed at and to addressing main areas of concern in global health, reducing disparities, preparedness for emerging and reemerging diseases, and achieving Universal Health Coverage, while strengthening the intergovernmental nature of WHO.

The NAM Members have many challenges in the forthcoming years, in the WHO, the reforms process address main areas of concern in global health, in particular the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non State Actors; which should help build partnerships into WHO better aligned with WHO'S constitutional mission and, free from conflicts of interest, preserving the WHO as an intergovernmental organization.

The NAM calls all Members to strengthen health systems basis in the three dimensions established in the 2030 Agenda: economic, social and environmental, objectives that will demand enormous efforts on our behalf.

Mr. Chairman,

The WHO should reinforce its capacity responding to health emergencies across cooperation among members, as a key factor strengthens the International Health Regulation.

The NAM Members invite the WHO Secretariat to fulfill comments to help Least Development Countries and Developing Countries, to build better basic national capacities in the implementation of the IHR.

The NAM welcomes the adoption of the Political Declaration on Antimicrobial resistance (A/RES/71/3) and hopes that the Political commitment would contribute to strengthening antimicrobial stewardship and the crucial need to support Member



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States with financial and technical assistance to develop and implement their national plan on antimicrobial resistance in response to the Global action plan.

The NAM Members expresses concern about the delay in the expected date of certification of the global eradication of polio by 2019 (WHA 69/25), noting the draft strategic plan of action on the transition to polio (WHA 71/9), and highlighting the vital importance of international cooperation to support an assist affected countries, including the availability of effective and affordable vaccines, as well as an effective immunization program.

Mr. Chairman,

The NAM reiterating the call on countries to take measures to balance intellectual property rights between holders and users on the restrain gaps, particularly promoting measures to support the supply chain of medical products, and transfer of technology relating to health products.

The NAM expresses its concern about the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures of general impact and its serious adverse impacts on public health.

The NAM condemn the promulgation and application of unilateral coercive measures against countries of the Movement, in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and International Law, particularly the principles of non-intervention, self-determination and independence of States subject of such practices.

The NAM regrets the deteriorating health conditions in the occupied State of Palestine, particularly in occupied East Jerusalem, as well as in the occupied Syrian Golan, as a result of health-jeopardizing measures perpetuated by Israel, the occupying power.

The NAM reiterate the urgent calls for serious, collective efforts to bring a complete end to Israeli Occupation of the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, in accordance with and in full respect of international law.

The NAM Members request, relevant international organizations and specialized agencies to act in accordance with their respective mandates to end health-related violations committed by Israel, the Occupying Power, in the occupied Syrian Golan, for guarantee the health system, and provide the necessary support and assistance to the Syrian.



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The NAM Members take note of the Report of the Secretariat on the global shortage of medicines and vaccines and access to them (WHA 71/12), and request that Member States be consulted to describe the programming of WHO access work to medications and vaccines, including activities, actions and results for the period 2019-2023.

The NAM Members request WHO and Member States to mobilize the additional resources necessary to achieve universal health coverage, which is a key objective for the achievement of the SDGs.

The NAM Members ask the World Health Organization and international financial organizations to provide logistical and financial support to the countries affected by the emergence and spread of pandemics, to combat them quickly and effectively, likewise to provide assistance to prevent new outbreaks, the International Health Regulations (2005).

The NAM Members call upon on WHO to support health systems in developing countries, in order to improve the capacity to assess and monitor the vulnerability, risks and health impacts of climate change; identify strategies and actions for the protection of human health, particularly people in difficult and more vulnerable situations; and the need to share knowledge and good practices.

Mr. Chairman,

The NAM reiterates the call to all the Members States of the WHO to work on actions to address health as a crosscutting point of the international agenda.

The NAM reiterates the call to all the Member States of the WHO reiterates the global health challenge and we stress that international cooperation and the transfer of technology are of vital importance in order to continue advancing for universal health coverage.

Thank you.