COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WELCOMING THE ADOPTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2334 (2016) ON ILLEGAL ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

1. At the dawn of 2017, which was declared as the International Year to End the Israeli Occupation of Palestine during the XVII Summit of Margarita Island, the members of the Non-Aligned Movement welcomed the recent adoption of Security Council resolution 2334 (2016), including the leading role of the members of NAM Caucus in that body, which reaffirmed, inter alia, the illegality of Israeli settlement activities and reiterated its demand that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in line with international law.

2. The members of the Non-Aligned Movement further recognized the importance of the recently adopted resolution for salvaging the viability of the two-State solution, based on the pre-1967 borders, as well as the prospects for a just, lasting and comprehensive peace, as well as the importance of the steps and efforts called for therein, both by the parties and the international community as a whole, in line with their respective obligations. Moreover, the members of the Non-Aligned Movement welcomed the action of the Security Council, in line with its primary role in the maintenance of international peace and security, and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The members of the Non-Aligned Movement reiterated their categorical condemnation of all illegal Israeli settlement activities by which Israel, the occupying Power, has continued to colonize the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and to forcibly displace Palestinian civilians, in grave breach of international law, and in contradiction to the objective of peace. They stressed that all Israeli measures aimed at altering the legal, geographic and demographic character and status of Jerusalem and of the Occupied Palestinian Territory as a whole are null and void and have no legal validity whatsoever and seriously undermine the contiguity, integrity, viability and unity of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which remains an integral part of that Territory, and affect the possibility of achieving the two-State solution for peace on the basis of the pre-1967 borders.

4. In this regard, the members of the Non-Aligned Movement stressed once again the incompatibility of peace negotiations with Israeli colonization activities, demanded from Israel, the occupying Power, an immediate cessation and reversal of all such illegal activities, while also calling for compliance with its obligations under international law, in order to bring an end to the occupation, achieve a peaceful solution, and promote peace and security in the region.
5. Lastly, the members of the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirmed all relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions regarding the question of Palestine in all its aspects, and demanded their full implementation.

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