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THE COORDINATING BUREAU  
OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE  
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-  
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), OPEN DEBATE OF THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL ON “PREVENTING AND COMBATING THE FINANCING OF  
TERRORISM”**

*New York, 28 March 2019*

**Mr. President,**

1. It is an honor for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to take the floor on behalf of the 120 Member States comprising the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) during this Open Debate on such an important subject.
2. Firstly, allow us to express our respects to H.E. Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Europe of France, as well as our appreciation to his delegation for the Concept Note that was kindly drafted to guide our discussions today and to the briefers for their much valuable presentations earlier today.

**Mr. President,**

3. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is fully committed to the fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, considering this scourge as one of the most serious dangers and threats to international peace and security. Let us be emphatic: any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.
4. Terrorist acts constitute one of the most flagrant violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, in particular the right to life, leading to the lack of the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms of peoples, and such acts endanger the territorial integrity and stability of States as well as national, regional and international security, destabilize legitimately constituted governments or the prevailing constitutional order and political unity of States, affect the stability of nations and the very basis of societies, create adverse consequences on the economic and social development, and cause the destruction of the physical and economic infrastructure of States.
5. We seize this opportunity to note that, as responsible members of the international community, there is still much more to do in our shared duty to fight terrorism and to



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establish a peaceful and prosperous world, in the true interest of both our nations and peoples.

6. In this context, the Member States of the Movement believe there is a special need to comprehensively address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism. Experience tells us that terrorist groups are nourished, among others, by despair, injustice, frustration, lack of opportunities, and the denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and they take advantage of such situations for promoting their criminal agenda, which is based on hatred, intolerance, sectarianism and extremism. Poverty, social and economic inequalities, political, ethnic and religious intolerance and/or conflicts, as well as the imposition of unilateral coercive measures, colonial or alien domination and foreign occupation, and violations to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of peoples and nations, *inter alia*, are also part of the so-called push drivers of terrorism. These must be addressed accordingly if we truly want to eliminate the scourge of terrorism not only in the short but in the long run.
7. In addition, we stress the importance of the preventive approach in this important fight, including through the development of effective and innovative initiatives aimed at undermining the clear strategy of these extremist groups and ideologies that promote violence and intolerance, with a view to counteract terrorist narratives and to generate critical thinking in our societies, which would ultimately serve the purpose of preventing radicalization, recruitment and mobilization of resources, including through the inappropriate use of information and communication technologies.

**Mr. President,**

8. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) expresses its resolve to take speedy and effective measures to eliminate international terrorism, and, in this context, urges all States, consistent with the UN Charter, to fulfill their obligations under international law and international humanitarian law in combating terrorism, including by prosecuting or, where appropriate, extraditing the perpetrators of terrorist acts; by preventing the organization, instigation or financing of terrorist acts against other States from within or outside their territories or by organizations based in their territories; by refraining from organizing, instigating, assisting, financing or participating in terrorist acts in the territories of other States; by refraining from encouraging activities within their territories directed towards the commission of such acts; by refraining from allowing the use of their territories for planning, training or financing for such acts; or by refraining from supplying arms or other weapons that could be used for terrorist acts in other States.



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9. In this regard, the Member States of the Movement note that the financing of terrorism is a matter of grave concern that must be fought with determination. Hence, we reiterate the obligation of the international community to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorist acts and to criminalize the willful provision or collection, by any means, directly or indirectly, of funds by their nationals or in their territories with the intention that the funds be used, or with the knowledge that they are to be used, in order to carry out terrorist acts. Similarly, we note the increasing and recognized potential links between transnational organized crime and the financing of terrorism, including money laundering, and therefore stress the need for promoting cooperation and coordinating efforts in fighting the scourge of these two criminal activities.
10. Moreover, we encourage United Nations entities to cooperate with Member States and to continue to provide assistance, upon their request, in particular, to help them to fully implement their respective international obligations to combat the financing of terrorism, while recognizing the importance of sharing information and best practices, including from financial intelligence units, within and between Governments to effectively counter the financing of terrorism. The role that cooperation with the private sector may play in this regard, including through public-private partnerships, is also acknowledged.

### **Mr. President,**

11. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is of the view that the fight against terrorism must take place within a strengthened international cooperation, in accordance with existing international and regional legal instruments, as well as relevant UN resolutions, while fully respecting human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law. In this regard, the validity of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and the need to uphold and respect the norms of international law cannot be overemphasized. In our view, multilateral cooperation, under the UN auspices, is undoubtedly the most effective means to combat international terrorism.
12. Therefore, the Member States of the Movement call upon all States to both observe and implement the provisions of all international conventions, as well as regional and bilateral instruments relating to terrorism to which their countries are party and relevant UN resolutions, while urging all States, which have not yet done so, to consider to ratify or accede to international and UN conventions and protocols relating to combating terrorism.
13. To conclude, while expressing their full solidarity with those countries that have most recently suffered from acts of terrorism, the 120 Member States comprising the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reiterate the importance of the conclusion of a Comprehensive Convention for Combating International Terrorism, which would



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complement the set of existing legal instruments in this field. Let us therefore work together, hand in hand, and in a decisive and coordinated manner, to eliminate this reprehensible scourge.

I thank you, Mr. President.