



**CHAIR OF
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), ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL
RAPPORTEUR ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF RACISM, RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE,
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

New York, 29 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. Tendayi Achiume, Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, to whom we pledge our support in the fulfillment of her mandate.
3. Similarly, we also express our appreciation for the presentations of Mr. Michal Balcerzak, Chair of the Working Group on People of African Descent, and Mr. Amir Noureddine, Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. President,

4. At the outset, the Non-Aligned Movement would like to recall that the year 2018 marks the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela, whose legacy continues to inspire us, through his example of courage, service, forgiveness, reconciliation and compassion. In this regard, we cannot overemphasize the role and leadership of *Madiba*, together with our Movement – which he chaired from 1998 to 1999 – in the struggle against colonialism, racial discrimination and Apartheid, particularly in South Africa, whose liberation marked a major turning point in the life of our Movement.
5. Consequently, the Member States of the Movement reaffirm the positions agreed during its XVIII Mid-Term Ministerial Conference, held in April 2018, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, condemning all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including the platforms and activities related thereto, which



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constitute serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as impede equal opportunity.

6. Moreover, we seize this opportunity to recall the international community to preserve its recognition that slavery and slave trade, including trans-Atlantic slave trade, are crimes against humanity, and that the legacies of slavery, slave trade, colonialism, foreign occupation, alien domination, genocide and other forms of servitude have manifested themselves in poverty, underdevelopment, marginalization, social exclusion and economic disparities for the developing world.

Mr. President,

7. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), while recalling its opposition to all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and while expressing serious concern on the resurgence of contemporary forms of such abhorrent crimes in various parts of the world, commends the ongoing progress made by States at the national, regional and international levels, focusing on the comprehensive follow-up to the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action. In this connection, we renew our call for finalizing the elaboration of complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.
8. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement reaffirm their commitment to the full and effective implementation of the provisions of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, as well as of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on 8 September 2001, which constitutes a solid foundation on the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference in 2009.
9. In addition, we seize this opportunity to express our concern about the increased use of the Internet to promote and disseminate racism, racial hatred, xenophobia, racial discrimination and related intolerance, and, in this regard, we call on all Member States to devote the highest priority to educational programs that promote dialogue and tolerance among communities in order to curb the scourge of hate speech. International cooperation and initiatives that help promoting mutual understanding between communities shall be stressed towards that end.
10. In this connection, and while fully respectful of the principle of sovereignty, we also



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seize this opportunity to express our serious concern over the inhumane practices and policies of immigration of some States, which are contrary to human dignity, constitute flagrant violations of human rights, and seem to be based on intolerant, racist, discriminatory and supremacist ideologies. We make vows for this situation to be redress, including the separation of families and the detention of children, after the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, next December 2018, in Morocco.

11. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) emphasizes the need to address with greater resolve and political will all forms and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in all spheres of life and in all parts of the world, including all those under foreign occupation, and urges all actors on the international scene to build an international order based on inclusion, justice, equality and equity, human dignity, mutual understanding and promotion of and respect for cultural diversity and universal human rights, and to reject all doctrines of exclusion based on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

I thank you, Mr. President.