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

Note verbale dated 14 March 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan in its capacity as Chair of the Geneva Chapter of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, in its capacity as Chair of the Geneva Chapter of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries submits herewith the statement made by the Non-Aligned Movement Youth Network addressed to the Human Rights Council (see annex).

The Permanent Mission kindly requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to circulate the present note verbale and the annex thereto* as a document of the Human Rights Council under agenda item 3.

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Statement by the Non-Aligned Movement Youth Network (NAMYN) addressed to the United Nations Human Rights Council

We, the Non-Aligned Movement Youth Network,

Express our appreciation for the significant role the United Nations Human Rights Council has been playing in promoting and protecting human rights, since its establishment 16 years ago;

Underline the utmost importance of fulfilment by all Member States of their obligations related to the protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in accordance with the UN Charter, and the international law;

Stress that all human rights, including the right to development, are universal, inalienable, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated;

Call on the adequate attention to be given to the issues of poverty, underdevelopment, discrimination and marginalization, social and economic exclusion, lack of access to quality education, healthcare, and decent work, which have been further exacerbated following the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Urge fair distribution of safe, quality and affordable vaccines among all countries, which is vital for the soonest elimination of the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences;

Stress the right of everyone to have access to safe and nutritious food consistent with the right to food and the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger, so as to be able to fully develop and maintain his or her physical and mental capacities;

Urge the promotion of the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis for persons with disabilities, and the promotion of disability-inclusive development;

Call for ensuring durable solutions for internally displaced persons, including their voluntary return in safety and with dignity, and restoration of their human rights;

Strongly condemn all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including the platforms and activities related thereto, which constitute serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as impede equal opportunities;

Stress that everyone has the right to live in an environment that is ecologically sound and conducive to good health;

Call upon all States to take requisite measures in tackling climate change to prevent its considerable negative impact on ensuring human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Emphasize the need for all States to undertake efforts to promote tolerance, dialogue and understanding among civilizations, cultures and religions, and call in this regard, on all Member States to devote the highest priority to these issues in educational programs;

Express concern at the gross violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular the right to life and the right to development, resulting from acts of terrorism and violent extremism, and condemn all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

Urge all States to ensure that their national laws or legislations, particularly those in the field of combatting terrorism do not limit individual rights, and are not discriminatory or xenophobic;

Call upon all States, and the wider international community to extend their support for the effective functioning of the Human Rights Council, without any politicization, double standards, and selectivity.
