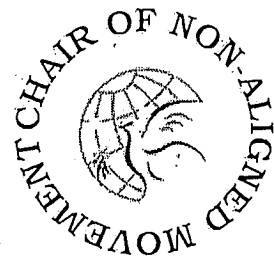




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Agenda item 2:

**Update of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
On her Annual Report to the Human Rights Council**

Statement by

H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Reza Sajjadi
Permanent Representative of Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other
international organizations in Geneva
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

(Geneva, 10 September 2012)

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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Madame President,

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

The NAM welcomes the High Commissioner's statement today on the achievements of her Office over the past four years. We commend the efforts done and works undertaken by the High Commissioner and her staff to promote and protect human rights around the world.

The NAM also remains fully committed to supporting the High Commissioner during her new term of responsibility and in her efforts to discharge her mandate as contained in GA resolution 48/141. We hope that the course for the further improvements on the OHCHR work will be continued and the achieved results will be advanced.

Madam President

The NAM reiterates that the work of the Office should be guided by the Strategic Framework adopted by the General Assembly as well as by the resolutions of this Council. In this regard, we commend the High Commissioner for her openness and desire to discuss with States the OHCHR strategic priorities in New-York and Geneva. These two meetings indeed underline call for transparency and coordination and equitable allocation and rational utilization of resources. Such practice should be continued. We recognize that the question of equal geographical representation in the OHCHR staff still remains a challenge in spite of the efforts made to improve the situation.

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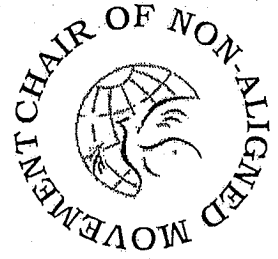
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Madame President,

The NAM highly appreciates High Commissioner's efforts in the Rio+20 Conference to integrate human rights considerations and a vision of sustainable development and the parameters for a green economy in the final outcome document. The NAM nevertheless expresses disappointment at the lack of meaningful participation and support of developed countries towards sustainable development and the overriding priority of poverty eradication. The challenges faced by developing countries, as a result, are intensified by the effects of the multiple and interrelated global crises, from which the world is still suffering, particularly food crisis, climate change, the global economic and financial crisis as well as energy crisis. These challenges are posing serious threats to the promotion of human rights and achievement of sustainable development.

We also pleased to know that the OHCHR has been an active participant in the Secretary-General's Task Team on the Post-2015 Development Agenda seeking to ensure that human rights are at the core of the United Nations proposed vision and recommendations to member States on the post-2015 agenda. We re-emphasize that the right to development, with its all-inclusive nature covering all human rights, is the most relevant in the international development discourse and we, therefore, call again for its mainstreaming in the whole UN system and the international development fora and processes. The NAM also calls for the full support of the Office of High Commissioner to the activities of Working Group on the Right to Development, as the most relevant UN body working to realize the right to development.

Madam President

The NAM concur with the High Commissioner that the treaty body strengthening process has reached an important stage. We take note of the High Commissioner's report which contains a wide range of proposals from member States and other stakeholders. We are of the view that the inter-governmental process which has commenced its work in New York should be considered as the focal point in the Process.

Madam President

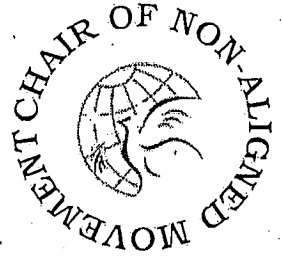
The NAM endorse the High commissioner's call for a commitment to ensuring that adequate resources are provided for her office's crucial mandates. We emphasize the need to increase the proportion of UN regular budget funding in overall funding of the office, as well as the need of an urgent increase in the proportion of un-earmarked voluntary contributions, in order to further enhance the independence of the Office, and so that it can better implement its mandated activities.

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As far as country situations are concerned, the NAM reaffirms its principled position that the OHCHR's work should be mainly focused on strengthening mechanisms of constructive dialogue and cooperation with the country concerned, including through providing technical assistance aiming at creating capacities and narrowing the gap in human rights protection in countries with different level of social-economic development.

Madam President

In closing, as was stated in the final document of the 16th NAM Summit held late August in Tehran, I would like to once again confirm on the NAM's firm commitment to constructively engage with all parties in the work of this Council, with a view to strengthen its credibility, while achieving more balance between all human rights bearing in mind that they are universal, indivisible, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, with the final objective of strengthening our collective efforts towards the promotion and protection of human rights in the world.

I thank you.

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