

Statement of
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On behalf of the Non Aligned Movement

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Interactive Dialogue
with the High Commissioner
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Mr. President

Mme High Commissioner

I take the floor on behalf of the Countries belonging to the Non Aligned Movement.

The Nam expresses its appreciation to the High Commissioner on her statement in which she presents her annual report to the Council. We also support her request for additional and predictable resources to the Office. In this regard, we emphasize the need to increase the proportion of UN regular budget funding in overall funding, as well as the need for an urgent increase in the proportion of un-earmarked contributions, in order to further enhance the independence of the Office, and so that it can better implement its mandated activities. Like her, we also believe in the value of a more rational, coherent, coordinated, and effective human rights system.

We have taken note of the six priority areas of activity presented by OHCHR and on which it will focus during the next biennium. The NAM reaffirms in this context 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 addition, while appreciating the openness of the High Commissioner and her keenness to brief the Council on the activities and plans of her Office, it has been the consistent position of the NAM that we prefer a structured dialogue with OHCHR in the context of a formal session of the Council.

Mr President

The NAM commends the efforts of the High Commissioner and her Office in implementation of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference, the adoption of which by consensus last April represents in our view a major achievement for this

Council. In our view, this year should witness an enhanced effort towards the implementation of this important document within the overall framework of the follow up to the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action of 2001. In this regard, we look forward to receiving from the High Commissioner the concrete proposals of the task force she has created for that purpose.

The NAM shares the concern of the High Commissioner about the direction taken by the Council with regard to the resolution on the right to development. Like her we regret that it was adopted by a vote. At a time when we are approaching the 25th anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development, the NAM would like to reaffirm its commitment to push forward in the direction of the full and effective realization of the right to development. We call on all countries and regional groups to join us in this endeavor.

The movement welcomes the increased importance and priority allocated by the High Commissioner to the rights of migrants and her efforts to advocate a human rights approach to migration, putting human rights principles in the center of migration and using the human rights mechanisms to protect migrants at all stages of the migratory process. We also welcome the increased attention given by this Council to the human rights of indigenous people, women, children, and to the human rights dimensions of the world food crisis, as well as the on the implications of the global financial and economic crises on the enjoyment of human rights.

We would appreciate hearing more from the High commissioner on the proposal considered by the UN Development Group on the strengthening of the support for mainstreaming human rights into the country level work of UN partners. Our primary concern in this regard, is that any such activities be

conducted at the request of the states concerned and with their full participation.

In closing, the NAM movement remains committed to constructively engage with all parties in the work of this Council, with a view to strengthening the credibility of this Council and to broadening its agenda, while achieving more balance between all categories of human rights bearing in mind that they are indivisible, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and addressing new and emerging issues and challenges, with the final objective of strengthening our collective efforts towards the promotion and protection of human rights in the world.

I thank you