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**On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

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**Update by the High Commissioner for Human Right**

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

At the outset, I thank the High Commissioner for presenting his update report. Like always, NAM welcomes the opportunity to engage with the High Commissioner on vital issues in the field of human rights as this engagement can enable Members States to be more informed about the activities of the High Commissioner and his Office. However, this requires that the update report of the High Commissioner is circulated properly in advance to ensure maximized benefit from this engagement, an expectation that the NAM raised in the previous session and unfortunately has yet to be realized.

**Mr. President,**

We are seriously concerned about the increasing trend of extremism around the world. The growing extremism and sectarian violence, plaguing many parts of the world today, constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security and is a grave concern for the international community. While reaffirming the need for dealing with the root causes of extremism; NAM condemn any attacks motivated on such basis. NAM also denounces terrorism which is in clear defiance of basic human rights. In this regard, we vigorously condemn the enormity of atrocities, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by ISIS/DAESH in clear defiance of basic human rights.

NAM also strongly condemns the systematic violations of basic human rights principles in the Occupied Palestinian Territory by the occupying power. We strongly condemn the recent attack on Al-AQSA Mosque by Israel, the occupying power, in continuation of ongoing grave human rights violations in the Occupied Palestine. Israel must be compelled to cease its military attacks, collective punishment, blockade, state terror and all other grave breaches of human rights.

**Mr. President,**

On many vital issues, only cooperation can establish real solutions, whether it be poverty, discrimination, economic and social crisis, racism, xenophobia and deprivation that so many, around the globe, continue to endure. In this regard, we count on the High Commissioner to ensure that all areas of human rights receive

equitable attention and resources. Accordingly, constructive engagement of Member States on both bilateral and multilateral issues is essential. In accordance with the same ideals, we urge all States to refrain from any unilateral coercive measure as they seriously impede the realization of all human rights. Highly expecting that the High Commissioner would seriously follow this important issue, we would like to ask the High Commissioner what practical measures he has taken in fulfilling his responsibility and in the light of the negative and far-reaching ramifications of these measures for the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

**Mr. President,**

We share the concern of the High Commissioner, elaborated in his report contained in document A/HRC/30/22 about the continued political impasse within the Working Group on the Right to Development as an obstacle to the work of the UN in making progress on the right to development. Next year will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development that presents a unique opportunity for the international community to demonstrate its unequivocal commitment and to redouble his efforts to genuinely implement the right to development. In this regard, we would like to seek the views of the High Commissioner about his ideas and plans to break such impasse and play his own role as entrusted to him to pave the way for realization of this fundamental right as the foundation for promotion of all human rights.

As regard further improvements on the OHCHR work, increasing transparency, coordination and equitable allocation and rational utilization of resources, we

would like to ask the High Commissioner to enlighten us about measures taken to eliminate the current imbalance in the geographical composition of the staff of the Office of the High Commissioner, in line with the HRC resolution 28/1.

In conclusion, NAM reaffirms its willingness to actively engage with the High Commissioner to strengthen the credibility of the human rights based on inclusion, mutual understanding and respect for cultural diversity.

**Thank you.**

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