

CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



STATEMENT BY CUBA, IN ITS CAPACITY AS CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, REGARDING COUNTRY-SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

61st SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Chairperson,

On behalf of the States Members of the Non-Aligned Movement, Cuba reaffirms what our Heads of State and Government agreed at its 14th Summit Conference regarding country-specific resolutions in the field of human rights, and I quote:

"The Heads of State or Government re-emphasised that the exploitation of human rights for political purposes, including selective targeting of individual Countries for extraneous considerations, which is contrary to the Founding Principles of the Movement and the UN Charter, should be prohibited". (Reference: Para 234.6 Final Document 14th NAM Summit, Havana, Cuba 11-16 September 2006)

The Heads of State or Government of the States Members of the Non-Aligned Movement also stressed their "adherence to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and to the Founding Principles of the Movement, and oppose and condemn selectivity and double standards in the promotion and protection of human rights as well as all attempts to exploit human rights as pretext for political purposes" (Reference: Para 235.4 Final Document 14th NAM Summit, Havana, Cuba, 11-16 September 2006)

Cuba, in its capacity as Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement, encourages all Members of the Movement to adhere to these principles when casting their votes on the country-specific draft resolutions to be taken action on during this meeting of the Third Committee of the General Assembly.

We request that the present statement be included in the official records of this meeting.

Thank you.