



**CHAIR OF
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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF
THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) ON THE ELECTION OF
DR. TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)**

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) expresses its warmest congratulations to the People and Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the recent election of Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO).
2. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is proud that a national of a Member State of the Movement holds for the first time in history such an important office and gets to head the WHO for the next five years, with a fresh vision and a deep understanding of the realities and needs of the Global South on issues related to global public health governance.
3. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is confident that Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will discharge his new duties with utmost responsibility, to advance the stated goal of the WHO “to build a better and healthier future for people all over the world”, emphasizing that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being.
4. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) vows and looks forward to work closely with Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus throughout his tenure as Director-General of the WHO, in order to address common challenges and issues of mutual interest to the Member States of the Movement.

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