



CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) ON THE INCLUSION OF THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AGENDA OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms the positions agreed upon by the Heads of State or Government during the XVII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in the Island of Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, from 17-18 September 2016, as follows:

1. Reiterates its concern over the continuing encroachment by the Security Council on the functions and powers of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council through addressing issues which traditionally fall within the competence of the latter organs, and the attempts to enter areas of norm-setting, administrative and budgetary matters and establishing definitions which fall within the purview of the Assembly. Further expresses concern over the constant attempts by the Security Council to use some thematic issues under its consideration, including those related to human rights to expand its mandate into areas which do not pose a threat to international peace and security, and further urged the Council to confine to its mandate in accordance with the Charter provisions.
2. Reaffirms its commitment to the promotion and protection of all human rights without discrimination and underlines that democracy, sustainable development and the respect of all human rights, civil and political; economic, social and cultural rights, in their universal, indivisible and interdependent character, including the right to development, are all closely related and mutually reinforcing.
3. Reaffirms that democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that the international community should support the strengthening and promotion of democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms in the entire world, without distinction between developed and developing countries, in compliance with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.
4. Opposes and stops ongoing attempts to shift issues under the agenda of the General Assembly or the ECOSOC to the Security Council, and the encroachment by the latter on the functions and powers of the Assembly.



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5. Reaffirms that all organs and bodies of the United Nations should only carry out those tasks which are established in their respective mandates. In that regard, it reiterates that the principal UN organs have distinct and separate roles in accordance with the UN Charter.
6. Opposes the on-going practice by the Security Council of dealing with human rights issues which do not pose threat to international peace and security and called on the Security Council to respect its mandate as outlined in the UN Charter.
7. Rejects the use of the Security Council as a tool to pursue national political interests and agenda aggravating rather than alleviating situations contrary to its mission enshrined in the Charter, and stresses the necessity of non-selectivity, impartiality and accountability in the work of the Council, and the need for the Council to strictly keep within the powers and functions accorded to it by the Member States under the UN Charter.
8. Rejects the on-going practice of the Security Council of dealing with human rights issues in pursuit of certain states' political objectives.

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