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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY H.E. MR. NICOLAS MADURO MOROS, PRESIDENT OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), DURING THE FIRST SUMMIT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC) ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

*Astana, 10-11 September 2017*

**H.E. Mr. Nursultan A. Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan,  
H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey,  
H.E. Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan,  
H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimen, Secretary-General of the OIC,  
Honorable Heads of State and Government,  
Distinguished Ministers, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. It is a great honor for me to address Your Excellencies on behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) at this First Summit of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) on Science and Technology; a portfolio of great relevance to the Movement.
2. At the outset, allow me to thank the honorable Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Secretariat of the OIC for their kind invitation to participate in this important Summit, and to express our gratitude to the People of Astana for their kind generosity and hospitality.

**Mr. President,**

3. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Non-Aligned Movement have a history of close partnership and cooperation, sharing most of its Member States in both forums. Most worthy of noting is the fact that both the NAM and the OIC are united by a common purpose and by the sharing of the same principles, understanding that the preservation and promotion of an inclusive multilateralism is the most effective tool for addressing the global and emerging challenges that we currently face.
4. Among those things that unite our two forums, we could highlight, among others, the following principled positions: the defense, preservation and promotion of the peaceful settlement of disputes, democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rejection of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, and the rejection of the imposition of



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unilateral sanctions, in accordance with the provisions of the UN Charter and the principles and norms of international law, and in line with the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States.

5. Likewise, the commitment to the promotion and protection of all human right, without discrimination, are common values shared by the Non-Aligned Movement and the OIC, as well as democracy, sustainable development and the respect for all human rights, civil and political; economic, social and cultural, in their universal, indivisible and interdependent character, including the right to development, which are all closely related and mutually reinforcing.
6. The best example of NAM's commitment to both the OIC and the peaceful settlement of disputes is its principled position in relation to the Question of Palestine, which certainly remains a priority on its agenda. In that regard, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) stresses hereby the urgency of the achievement of a just, lasting, comprehensive and peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict, while condemning the illegal policies and practices of the Occupying Power. We also reiterate that NAM Member States stand ready to contribute to the realization of this long overdue objective, with a view to realize 2017 as the International Year to End the Israeli Occupation of Palestine, as declared during the XVII Summit of Island of Margarita, in September 2016.

### **Mr. President,**

7. The Movement's calls for social justice, peace and development are reflected in the theme of this important meeting: "Science, Technology, Innovation and Modernization of the Islamic World"; these being assets and key drivers of economic and social progress and welfare of mankind, and vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals and for the full participation of the developing countries in the global economy. Science, Technology and Innovation are instrumental to the eradication of poverty and hunger, while contributing to promote peace and sustainable human development, as well as solidarity and complementarity among and within nations.
8. In that regard, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) recognizes the positive contribution of science, technology and innovation to enhance the socioeconomic wellbeing of our peoples, as well as the work of the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries, which could certainly be of assistance for advancing the OIC Science, Technology and Innovation Agenda 2026, that is to be shortly adopted, while also contributing to strengthening South-South cooperation and increasing cooperation among Member States in this important field.



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9. To that end, the Member States of the Movement also reiterate the need for establishing a global technology facilitation mechanism to accelerate technology transfer and diffusion on a global scale that is commensurate with the sustainable development challenge.
10. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement wishes every success to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), including during this First Summit on Science and Technology, and looks forward to further strengthen its partnership, in their mutual strive for peace, prosperity and harmony for all, and for a world more just and equitable.

I thank you, Mr. President