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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY H.E. MR. SAMUEL MONCADA,
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AFFAIRS OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON
BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), DURING THE
WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST A AND H BOMBS**

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Mr. President,

1. It is an honor for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to take the floor during this year's World Conference against A and H Bombs, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
2. At the outset, allow us to thank the distinguished Organizing Committee for its kind invitation to participate in this important World Conference, which is convened at a time when we mark the 72 Anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
3. We would also like to avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the People of both Hiroshima and Nagasaki for their kind generosity and hospitality.

Mr. President,

4. Despite the fact that the Member States of the Movement **do** not have a common position with regard to the Treaty **on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) has remained at the forefront of nuclear disarmament, and has termed nuclear disarmament as its highest priority, while striving towards achieving the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
5. During the XVII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in September 2016, in the Island of Margarita, Venezuela, the Heads of State or Government reiterated their continued concern over the current difficult and complex situation in the field of disarmament and international security, while calling for renewed efforts to resolve the current impasse in achieving nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects.
6. At that time, the Heads of State or Government reaffirmed the Movement's principled positions on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority, and on the non-



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proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects, while stressing the importance of ensuring that efforts aimed at nuclear non-proliferation are parallel to simultaneous efforts aimed at nuclear disarmament. In addition, they expressed concern at the threat to humanity posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons and of their possible use or threat of use.

Mr. President,

7. While reaffirming the absolute validity of multilateral diplomacy in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reiterates its determination to promote multilateralism as the core principle of negotiations in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation.
8. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement congratulate the successful conclusion of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament, while underscoring the importance of the convening of such session, as it would offer an opportunity to review, from a perspective more in tune with the current international situation, the most critical aspects of the disarmament process, and to mobilize the international community and public opinion in favor of the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and of the control and reduction of conventional weapons.
9. Lastly, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), staying committed to the cause of prohibiting the development of new types of weapons of mass destruction, reiterates its adherence to the goals and principles set out in resolution 69/27 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, entitled “Prohibition of the Development and Manufacture of New Types of Weapons of Mass Destruction and New Systems of Such Weapons: Report of the Conference on Disarmament”.

I thank you, Mr. President.