



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



**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), ON “HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS
AND REPORTS OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND
REPRESENTATIVES” (AGENDA ITEM 72 C), WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

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Mr. President,

1. It is an honor for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to take the floor on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), in occasion of the Interactive Dialogues with Special Rapporteurs and Representatives on Human Rights Situations in specific countries.

Mr. President,

2. During the XVII Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held in September 2016, in the Island of Margarita, Venezuela, the Heads of State and Government of the Movement reaffirmed the significant importance they attach to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as their commitment to fulfill obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in accordance with the UN Charter, other core International Human Rights instruments, as appropriate, and international law.
3. At that time, they further reaffirmed that all human rights, including the right to development, are universal, inalienable, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and that human rights issues must be addressed within the global context through a constructive, non-confrontational, non-politicized and non-selective, dialogue-based approach, in a fair and equal manner, with objectivity, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, impartiality, non-selectivity and transparency as the guiding principles, taking into account the political, historical, social, religious and cultural particularities of each country.
4. In this regard, they reiterated the Movement's dismay and unequivocal condemnation of gross and systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms and situations that constitute serious obstacles to their full enjoyment, as well as violent acts and activities that infringe upon their full enjoyment.



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5. Similarly, at that time the Heads of State and Government of the Movement emphasized the role of the Human Rights Council as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations General Assembly responsible for consideration of human rights situations in all countries in the context of the Universal Periodic Review based on cooperation and constructive dialogue.
6. They also expressed their deep concern over the continuation and the proliferation of the practice of selective adoption of country-specific resolutions in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly, as well as in the Human Rights Council, which is a tool that exploits human rights for political purposes, in breach of the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity in addressing human rights issues which undermine cooperation as the essential principle to effectively promote and protect all universally recognized human rights for all. In this regard, they further expressed their concern over the proliferation of politicization and double standards, as well as country specific resolutions at the Human Rights Council.

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7. The Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirm the need to promote greater coherence and complementarity between the work of the Third Committee and the Human Rights Council, and avoid unnecessary duplication and overlapping in their activities, as well as create a working and constructive relationship between them in addressing human rights situations.
8. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) stresses that the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is the main intergovernmental cooperative mechanism to review human rights issues at the national level in all countries without distinction, with the full involvement of the country concerned and with consideration given to its capacity-building needs.
9. In this regard, we reiterate the importance of ensuring its implementation as an action-oriented, cooperative mechanism based on objective and reliable information and interactive dialogue with full involvement of the countries under review and conducted in an impartial, transparent, non-selective, constructive, non-confrontational and non-politicized manner. Additionally, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) encourages States under review to include in their UPR report a mention of any unilateral coercive measures that they apply against other countries with an assessment of their human rights impact

I thank you, Mr. President.