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OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON
BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), DURING THE OPEN
DEBATE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON CONFLICTS IN EUROPE**

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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).
2. At the outset, we would like to convey, on behalf of the Member States of the Movement, our respects to H.E. Mr. Pavlo Klimkin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, as well as our appreciation to the Ukrainian Delegation for its efforts in preparing the Concept Note for this session, which would serve as the basis for guiding our discussions today.

Mr. President,

3. We currently live in a time that faces multiple, complex and newly emerging threats and challenges to international peace and security, including those posed by colonialism, neocolonialism and foreign occupation, terrorism and violent extremism, genocide and ethnic cleansing, war and protracted conflicts.
4. Among those protracted conflicts that endanger international and regional peace and security, particularly in Europe, is the one between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and which we regret that is yet unsolved, in spite of the various resolutions adopted by this Security Council (S/RES/822, S/RES/853, S/RES/874, S/RES/884).

Mr. President,

5. The Non-Aligned Movement has consistently expressed its principled position on this matter. During the XVII Summit of Island of Margarita, held in Venezuela on September 2016, the Heads of State or Government of the Movement reaffirmed the importance of the principle of non-use of force, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, while encouraging the parties to continue to seek a negotiated settlement of the conflict within the territorial integrity, sovereignty and the internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
6. Moreover, the Member States of the Movement underscore the important role that regional and sub-regional arrangements and agencies composed of Non-Aligned and



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other developing countries can play in the promotion of regional peace and security, as well as economic and social development through cooperation among countries in the region.

7. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement, in line with its founding principles, reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of the peaceful settlement of disputes, in accordance with Article 2 and Chapter VI of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as with relevant UN resolutions and international law as a whole, in order to contribute to strengthening international peace and security and to save future generations from the scourge of war and armed conflict.

I thank you, Mr. President.