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**STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), ON THE REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF
THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF
UNILATERAL COERCIVE MEASURES ON THE ENJOYMENT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

New York, 18 October 2017

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 express our appreciation for the briefing of Mr. Idriss Jazairy, the first Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. We reaffirm him our full support to his mandate, and wish him every success in the fulfillment of his mission.
3. In this regard, the Member State of the Movement welcome with appreciation the report of Mr. Idriss Jazairy, presented to the current session of the General Assembly, and contained in document A/72/370, which highlights the negative aspects of unilateral coercive measures and includes recommendations in order to minimize their adverse impact.
4. Moreover, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) encourages the work of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, which initiated with a research-based report, and contains both recommendations and innovative mechanisms to assess the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights and to promote new initiatives of accountability.

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5. The Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reaffirm the positions agreed by the Heads of State and Government of the Movement during the XVII Summit of Island of Margarita, held in September 2016, in Venezuela, particularly their opposition to unilateralism and unilateral coercive measures imposed by certain States, including unilateral measures of an economic, financial or trade nature not in accordance with international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the norms and principles governing



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peaceful relations among States, which can lead to the erosion and violation of the UN Charter, international law and human rights, the use and threat of use of force, and pressure and coercive measures as a means to achieving their national policy objectives, including those measures used as tools for political or economic and financial pressure against any country, in particular against developing countries. They further expressed their concern at the continued imposition of such measures which hinder the well-being of population of the affected countries and that create obstacles to the full realization of their human rights.

6. These positions, among others, were reaffirmed as recent as on 20 September 2017, when the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Movement, meeting under the theme “Promulgation and Implementation of Unilateral Coercive Measures, in violation of International Law and the Human Rights of the Peoples subjected to them”, adopted the Political Declaration of New York.
7. Moreover, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) believes that the full realization of the rights of the peoples is a long-standing aspiration, and so we reaffirm in every possible forum our firm determination to contribute to reaching a world where the sovereign equality of States prevails. In addition, the Member States of the Movement consider unilateral coercive measures an arbitrary mechanism that undermines the full development of a truly democratic international order.
8. To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement looks forward to the future comprehensive reports of Mr. Idriss Jazairy to both the Third Committee and the Human Rights Council, and commends him yet again on his work.

I thank you, Mr. President.