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and related intolerance**

Promotion and protection of human rights

**Letter dated 27 November 2023 from the Permanent Representative of
Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the declaration adopted during the Non-Aligned Movement Conference on Advancing the Rights and Empowerment of Women, co-organized by the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Uzbekistan, held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 20 and 21 November 2023 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 25, 69 and 71, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. Aliyev
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 27 November 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Baku Declaration of the Non-Aligned Movement Conference on Advancing the Rights and Empowerment of Women, held on 20 and 21 November 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan

We, the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement, attending the NAM Conference on Advancing the Rights and Empowerment of Women co-organized by the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Uzbekistan to reflect upon our achievements and on the way forward for advancing the rights of and empowering women globally:

1. *Underscore* the commitment to keep advancing the human rights and the empowerment of women as a visionary agenda for the NAM, and *reaffirm* our political will to tackle the challenges in the sphere of the advancement of women and the enjoyment of their human rights;

2. *Reaffirm* the commitment to ensuring representation and full, equal and meaningful participation of women in all facets of society, and *underline* the particular importance of promoting equal participation of women in the political systems of NAM Member States;

3. *Welcome* the increasing representation of women at the highest political levels and in elected Assemblies, including the recent examples in NAM Member states;

4. *Reiterate* our firm commitment to join efforts and continue combating all forms of violence against women, until its complete elimination, recognizing the importance of engaging men and boys;

5. *Reaffirm* the vital role of women and the need for their full, equal and meaningful participation in all areas of sustainable development, as well as providing them with equal opportunities for leadership in this regard;

6. *Recognize* the detrimental impact of unilateral coercive measures on women and girls, including on national policies and programmes aimed at ensuring their well-being and the full realization of their human rights, and, in this context, *reiterate* our determination to denounce and demand their complete, immediate and unconditional repeal;

7. *Acknowledge* the central and coordinating role of the organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to support all States' efforts in promoting the advancement and empowerment of women and the enjoyment of their human rights;

8. *Applaud* the inclusion of a stand-alone goal on the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and the integration of a gender perspective into the 2030 Development Agenda;

9. *Welcome* the progress made towards the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women, and *reaffirm* support for the outcome documents of the 23rd special session of the United Nations General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century";

10. *Emphasize* the importance of intensifying, among NAM Member States, including through high-level interaction, the exchange of ideas, visions, and

perspectives on current challenges in the advancement and empowerment of women and the enjoyment of their human rights to increase cooperation and take concerted and targeted actions in this regard;

11. *Take note* of the proposal to establish the NAM Women Platform and deliberate through NAM Coordinating Bureau on this initiative, including on the working modalities related thereto;

12. *Express* appreciation and gratitude to the People and Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the hospitality and hosting the first-ever NAM Conference on Advancing the Rights and Empowerment of Women on November 20–21, 2023.
