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**On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement
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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

We took note of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and its recommendations and conclusions therein contained in the document A/75/26. We thank the Chairman of the Host Country Committee for presenting the report of the Committee.

We would also like to reiterate our principled position to put forth our utmost efforts to uphold and defend the principles of the UN Charter as well as the promotion and preservation of multilateralism. Multilateralism provides us with the opportunity to come together and work in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation. In this context, we underline the importance of the maintenance of appropriate conditions for delegations and missions accredited to the United Nations as well as support enabling the UN to fully and efficiently discharge its responsibilities and fulfill its purposes.

The position of the NAM regarding the agendas under consideration of this Committee is well established. The Non Aligned Movement underlines the critical role of the host countries of the United Nations Headquarters and Offices in preserving multilateralism and facilitating multilateral diplomacy and inter-governmental norm making processes, and calls upon all States which host the United Nations Headquarters and Offices to facilitate, in accordance with their

obligation under the related Headquarters Agreements and the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations, the presence of the representatives of the Member States in the relevant meetings of the United Nations, as well as recalls that the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement shall be applicable irrespective of the bilateral relations existing between the Governments and the Host Country.

The Non-aligned Movement expresses its serious and grave concern about the denial of or the delay in the issuance of entry visas to the representatives of any NAM Member States by the Host country of the United Nations Headquarters, and reiterates that political considerations shall not interfere with the provision of facilities required under the Headquarters Agreement for the Member States to participate in the United Nations activities.

The NAM expresses its serious concern about the arbitrary movement restrictions imposed to the diplomatic officials of some missions of NAM Member States by the Host Country of the United Nations Headquarters. Such restrictions constitute flagrant violations of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, the Headquarter Agreements and the international law. In this regard, the NAM opposes these restrictions and their continued application and urges the Host Country to take without delay all necessary measures to remove them.

To conclude, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), in line with the decisions adopted by its Heads of State and Government within the framework of the 18th Summit Conference held from 25-26 October 2019, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, seizes this opportunity to announce their resolve to present before the General Assembly a short and action-oriented draft resolution demanding the fulfillment of host country responsibilities, by virtue of relevant Headquarter Agreements and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, including the timely issuance of entry visas and the removal of arbitrary movement restrictions, with a view to ensure that delegations of Member State have the capacity to fully exercise their right of participation in multilateral meetings, as well as their diplomatic duties and official responsibilities in a proper manner.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.