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Letter dated 1 November 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia on the Final Document adopted at the eighteenth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (see annex).

The statement refers to misuse of the platform of the Non-Aligned Movement by Azerbaijan with regard to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, which runs counter to the principles of the conflict resolution under the auspices of the Co-Chairmanship of the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31.

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Permanent Representative



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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia on the Final Document adopted at the Eighteenth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Baku

28 October 2019

The Republic of Armenia has been following closely the developments within the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), including the recent Summit of the Heads of State and Government of NAM held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 25–26 October 2019. We deplore the fact that Azerbaijan, the host country of the Summit and the current Chairman of the Movement, has once again opted for the abuse of its membership in the Movement by promoting misleading, extremely biased narratives on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in the Outcome Document of the Summit.

Having a status of an observer country in the Non-Aligned Movement, Armenia could neither engage in nor endorse in any way a process that is highly demonstrative of the manipulative intention of the host country to misuse the platform. Armenia regrets to mention that the wording of the Outcome Document on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict falls short of upholding the principles at the heart of the Movement.

The authorities of Azerbaijan, who have perpetrated mass atrocities against the Armenians in Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh, who have been consistently conducting policies of intolerance and hatred, including by way of public glorification of convicted murderers of the Armenians, who have repeatedly attempted military aggression against Nagorno-Karabakh, bear direct and immediate responsibility for creating existential security risks for the people of Nagorno-Karabakh. They have demonstrated, once again, a lack of commitment to the peace process conducted under the auspices of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, the only internationally mandated format for the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, by having opted to yet another forum-shopping exercise in an attempt to derail the ongoing negotiations. Armenia firmly supports the inalienable rights of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh to freely determine their political status without limitation and coercion and to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development. Armenia remains sole security guarantor of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Armenia urges the member states of the Non-Aligned Movement to demonstrate responsibility and respect to the negotiations and to act in line with the spirit, the logic and the course of the peace process based on the norms and principles of international law, the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, including equal rights and self-determination of peoples as one of the key principles for the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.