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**Letter dated 24 October 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the
United Nations and Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the
Non-Aligned Movement addressed to the President of the
General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Chair of the
Third Committee of the General Assembly**

I have the honour to write to you, in my capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, to draw your kind attention to the position of the Non-Aligned Movement on the practice of tabling country-specific resolutions and mandates in the Third Committee against certain States Members of the United Nations — a practice that also results in the proliferation of biased non-objective reports under the name of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs.

The Non-Aligned Movement has always emphasized the role of the Human Rights Council as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly responsible for the consideration of human rights situations in all countries in the context of the universal periodic review, based on cooperation and constructive dialogue. The Non-Aligned Movement is deeply concerned over the continuation and proliferation of the practice of selective adoption of country-specific resolutions in the Third Committee, as well as in the Human Rights Council, and the establishment of biased country-specific mandates, as tools that exploit human rights for political purposes and breach the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity in addressing human rights issues, which undermine cooperation as the essential principle to effectively promote and protect all universally recognized human rights for all.



Thus, in the view of the Non-Aligned Movement, country-specific resolutions and reports do not encourage the promotion and protection of human rights. They consist, rather, of unhealthy measures mostly based on some particular political agendas, as they are selective and run counter to the goal of the promotion and protection of human rights.

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