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**UN Human Rights Council  
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**General debate on Agenda Item 3  
Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic,  
social, and cultural rights, including the right to development**

**Statement  
by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the UN  
Office and other International Organizations in Geneva  
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

*Geneva, 14 March 2024*

Mr. President,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
2. NAM reiterates the importance it attaches to the promotion and protection of human rights, and to the fulfilment of obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of all universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in accordance with the UN Charter and international law.
3. The Movement reaffirms that all human rights, including the right to development, are universal, inalienable, indivisible, interdependent, and interrelated and stresses that the Human Rights Council should provide equal treatment to both civil and political rights and economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as the right to development.
4. The Movement reiterates once again the urgent need to make the right to development a reality for everyone. NAM welcomes the conclusion of the elaboration of a draft convention on the right to development in Geneva, the text of which has been considered during the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Working Group on the Right to Development

5. We deplore the dire humanitarian catastrophe, the severe socio-economic conditions and challenges, including the widespread of extreme poverty and the unprecedented scale of death, devastation, and destruction, including of civilian infrastructure essential for human survival, and the health, water, sanitation, energy and telecommunications crises, facing the civilian population, in particular as a result of the ongoing Israeli illegal blockade and siege and the war crimes and crimes against humanity, committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian civilian population in the occupied Gaza Strip.
6. We reaffirm that there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development
7. NAM welcomes the initiative by the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, Ms. Alena Douhan, , to establish Sanctions Research Platform within the OHCHR, as a comprehensive online reference tool dedicated to collecting article, reports, videos and any research material and information on Unilateral Coercive Measures and their effect on human rights, and calls all States and other stockholders to contribute to this search platform by submitting any related material.
8. The Movement further reaffirms that human rights issues must be addressed within the global context through a constructive, non-confrontational, non-politicized and non-selective dialogue-based approach, in a fair and equal manner, with objectivity, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity.
9. We call upon all States and UN Human Rights mechanisms to ensure that human rights are not used for political purposes and as a pretext for interference in internal affairs.
10. The full text of this statement has been uploaded on the HRC Extranet

I thank you.