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**Discussion of the reports of the Director-General and the Chairperson of  
the Governing Body**

**Statement**

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**on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

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Mr. President

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. NAM thanks the Chairperson of the Governing Body and the Director General for their respective reports and notes the crucial need to renew the social contract.
3. As we mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philadelphia Declaration, which reshaped global social justice, NAM remains committed to its principles.
4. NAM members strongly condemn the illegal Israeli military aggression on the Gaza Strip, the indiscriminate attacks against Palestinian civilians, civilian objects, and the forced displacement of the Palestinian population and further call for an immediate and durable humanitarian ceasefire;
5. We reiterate the need for substantial and urgent progress to be made towards achieving an end to the Israeli occupation, including achievement of the independence and sovereignty of the State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, to achieve a two-state solution, on the basis of the pre-1967 borders, and affirmed support for the State of Palestine to be admitted as a

Member State of the United Nations to take its rightful place among the community of nations;

6. We look forward to the establishment of the Global Coalition for Social Justice, a timely initiative to enhance cooperation and solidarity in promoting decent work and social justice.
7. This initiative can continue strengthening South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation, and promoting, preserving and reforming multilateralism, and to fully respect principles of international law and internationally agreed principles, with a view to enhancing cooperation in addressing threats and challenges facing developing countries in advancing economic development and social progress;
8. The upcoming Second World Social Summit is a vital opportunity to rally global efforts in renewing social contracts, addressing inequalities, and advancing sustainable development.
9. Amid rising global social inequalities, NAM underlines the importance of renewed social contracts, ensuring universal rights, equal opportunities, fair distribution, and just transitions for an inclusive, equitable future.
10. NAM is committed to upholding labour rights, including rights for migrant workers, women, and children, as outlined by the Director General. We recognize the need to lower migration costs, ensure portable social security, and acknowledge migrants' qualifications.
11. We remain concerned about the significant job challenges and the widespread lack of decent work, which particularly affects women, children and the youth.
12. We are engaged with the develop and promote policies that can enhance productive capacities in developing countries, generate employment and income for all, especially youth and women, and contribute to poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development goals to seize the opportunities that abundant natural resources in most NAM Member States represent, to support decent livelihoods for the wellbeing and prosperity of our peoples;
13. In order to achieve social justice, it is necessary to continue calling for the complete, immediate and unconditional lifting of all Unilateral Coercive Measures, including those measures used as tools for political or economic and financial pressure against any country, in particular against developing countries, which in violation the Charter of the United Nations and principles of international law, especially that such measures hinder the health and well-being of populations of the affected countries, and create obstacles to the full

realization of the Sustainable Development Goals in these countries and their human rights and their national development Plans

14. Finally, NAM reaffirms its commitment to social justice and calls on ILO constituents to update social contracts with solidarity and inclusivity.

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