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On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement
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Madam Chairperson,

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

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Chairman of the Host Country Committee for the presentation of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and take note of the report as well as its recommendations and conclusions therein contained in document A/76/26.

We would also like to reiterate our principled position to put forth our utmost efforts to not only uphold and defend the principles of the UN Charter but also promote and preserve multilateralism. Multilateralism serves as an indispensable platform wherein we can collectively work with a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation. In this context, we underline the importance of the maintenance of appropriate conditions for

In this regard, the NAM also 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 Member States in 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.

With reference to 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, the Non-Aligned Movement expresses its serious and grave concerns while reiterating that political considerations shall not interfere with the provision of facilities required under the Headquarters Agreement for the Member States to participate

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 in Baku, in 7Rijan26 October 2019