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ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
AT THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE PLENARY ON
THE HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(CLUSTER IV: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW)
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Mr. President,

I have the honour to take the floor again to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

2. The Movement affirms the continued validity and relevance of its comments and proposals on Cluster IV that were submitted to you and your Facilitators on 11 July 2005 and that this statement should be read in conjunction with those comments and proposals. In keeping with your request, I shall limit my intervention on this Cluster of the draft outcome document to the following five points:

First, NAM has noted that there are a number of elements, ideas, norms, concepts and proposals in the revised text that have yet to enjoy consensus in this august body. These include the responsibility to protect, human security, Democracy Fund at the UN, the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, and the rule of law assistance unit within the Secretariat. NAM stresses that these elements, ideas, norms, concepts and proposals should be further discussed in greater detail by the General Assembly with a view to achieving consensual acceptance by the larger UN membership.

- Secondly, language from the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action as adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993 should be used, as and where appropriate, under this Cluster. Similarly, there should also be reference to the relevant specialised agencies and bodies of the UN, as and where appropriate, bearing in mind their respective roles and competencies.
- Thirdly, NAM has noted that the phrase "democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing" has been incorporated into the revised text. While welcoming the

inclusion of this phrase NAM strongly reemphasises that it should continue with the phrase "and is based on the freely expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives." In addition, NAM reiterates that there should be language to advance the reality that while all democracies share common features there is no one model of democracy.

- Fourthly, NAM has noted the divergence of views in the discussions on the expression of "responsibility to protect". NAM is still studying carefully and considering this expression and its implications on the basis of the principles of non-interference and non-intervention as well as the respect for territorial integrity and national sovereignty of States, bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter, international law and international humanitarian law. We hope to conclude our study and consideration of this expression soon.
 - Finally, NAM reiterates that inter-religious cooperation, in addition to culture of peace, and dialogue among civilisations and cultures, should also be incorporated into paragraph 116, as appropriate.
3. The Non-Aligned Movement will be submitting separately to you, Mr. President, our specific comments, ideas and proposals concerning Cluster IV: Human rights and the rule of law. We hope that these would assist you in your efforts in finding consensus on the draft outcome document.

Thank you, Mr. President.