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**STATEMENT BY H.E. MR HAMIDON ALI
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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 V: STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS)
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Mr. President,

I have the honour to finally 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 V 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 sub-section on Human Rights Council. NAM has noted the discussions on and interests in advancing the establishment of the Human Rights Council. NAM is still studying carefully and considering the proposed elements contained in paragraphs 130 through 132 of the draft outcome document concerning this question. We hope to conclude our study and consideration of this proposal soon. At this preliminary juncture, NAM is considering on a provisional basis the following three elements:

- First, addressing the systemic question of abolishing the Commission on Human Rights, which is established by the ECOSOC, and replacing the Commission with such Human Rights Council or body, which is envisaged to be established by the General Assembly, bearing in mind the relationship among the principal organs of the UN and their role and competencies as enshrined in the Charter.
- Secondly, ensuring that the mandate and terms of reference, modalities, structure and membership, among others, of such Human Rights Council or body, if established, would be consistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and relevant international treaties and conventions.

- Finally, ensuring that the size of and criteria for membership in such Human Rights Council or body, if established, would be consistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter, in particular the principle of equitable geographical distribution, and that the methods of elections thereof would be consistent with the relevant resolutions and Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
- 3.** The Non-Aligned Movement will be submitting separately to you, Mr. President, our specific comments, ideas and proposals concerning Cluster V on Strengthening the United Nations. We hope that these would assist you in your efforts in finding consensus on the draft outcome document.

Thank you, Mr. President.