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of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**

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Agenda Item 4: Other matters

**“Report by the Delegation of Malaysia on recent activities
of the Non-Aligned Movement concerning Palestine”**

**Remarks by H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali
Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations and
Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement**

Mr. Chairman,

Since this is the first occasion I am addressing this Committee as the Permanent Representative of Malaysia, I should like to express, at the outset, the continued support of me personally and that of my delegation to you, Sir, in steering the work of this Committee as well as to the cause of our Palestinian brothers and sisters. In my capacity as Chairman of the NAM Coordinating Bureau, I would also like to assure you, Sir, and members of the Committee of the undivided support and solidarity of the NAM Member Countries to the Palestinian cause.

2. With your permission, Sir, I would now like to briefly report to the Committee on the activities carried out recently in New York by NAM concerning Palestine. I shall divide my report under four headings, as follows:

- First, the Foreign Ministers of NAM, who met for their Annual Meeting in New York on 20 September 2005 had, inter alia, expressed their solidarity and support for the Palestinian people as well as the need for the members of the Quartet to fulfil their responsibility to fully implement the Road Map for the viable creation of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine.
- Secondly, the Foreign Ministers of the NAM Committee on Palestine met for their Annual Meeting in New York on 19 September 2005. The NAM Committee on Palestine comprises 12 members, namely Algeria, Bangladesh, Colombia, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Malaysia (as Chairman), Palestine, Senegal, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Ministers met to discuss the situation and latest developments in the Occupied

Palestinian Territory, in particular the continued construction of the Separation Wall, the recent Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, illegal construction of new settlements in the Occupied Territories, and the right of return of Palestine refugees. The Ministers agreed on a number of measures to be taken by NAM in the context of the Movement's strong support for the Palestinian cause aimed at moving the peace process forward. These include to call upon the international community and the Quartet to exert efforts to salvage the Road Map; to call upon Israel to comply with the Advisory Opinion rendered by the ICJ concerning the Separation Wall; and to coordinate NAM's position with respect to the proposed convening by Switzerland of the diplomatic conference of High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention arising from the construction of the Separation Wall as stipulated in General Assembly Resolution ES-10/15.

- Thirdly, the NAM Ministerial Delegation on Palestine had met with the members of the Quartet and Permanent Members of the Security Council at the margins of the High-Level Plenary Meeting and the General Debate of the 60th Session of the General Assembly. The NAM Ministerial Delegation, which comprised the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia (as Chairman), Algeria, Cuba, India, Palestine and South Africa, had the opportunity to meet with their counterparts from China, France and Russian Federation as well as the UN Secretary-General. During those meetings, the NAM Ministerial Delegation conveyed the position of NAM on the urgency of pushing the peace process forward, beginning with salvaging the Road Map, as well as the concerns of NAM on the continuous construction of the Separation Wall and the Israeli settlements in Occupied Palestinian territory. The NAM Ministerial Delegation had a useful exchange of views with their counterparts and the Secretary-General. In welcoming NAM's initiative to establish dialogue concerning the question, the Foreign Ministers of China, France and Russian Federation and the Secretary-General expressed their commitment and support for the Road Map. They considered Israel's withdrawal from Gaza as a positive move, and encouraged Israel to make further concessions on, inter alia, the withdrawal of all illegal settlers and Israeli forces from all Occupied Territories, as well as the dismantling of both the Separation Wall and the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories.
- Finally, the Foreign Ministers of the NAM Troika – represented by Cuba, Malaysia and South Africa – met with their Troika counterparts from the European Union – represented by Austria, United Kingdom, EU Council and the European Commission – in New York on 19 September 2005. In view of the EU's membership in the Quartet, the NAM Troika Ministers took the opportunity to convey to their EU counterparts about the positions and concerns of NAM on the question of the Middle East Peace Process.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.