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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
AZERBAIJAN, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT  
(NAM), UNDER AGENDA ITEM 55, ENTITLED “REPORT OF THE  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AND  
SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF  
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OTHER ARABS OF THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES”, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FOURTH  
COMMITTEE OF THE 76<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**Madam Chair,**

1. The Republic of Azerbaijan is honored to submit this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. At the outset, allow us to express our gratitude to the Chair of the Special Committee and to its other members for their much valuable efforts, as well as for the comprehensive report contained in document A/76/360, of which we have taken note of, including the very concrete and important recommendations contained therein. We also thank the Secretary-General for the important reports he has submitted under this item, and thank the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for the assistance in this regard.

**Madam Chair,**

3. The Non-Aligned Movement deeply regrets that the inquiries of the Special Committee continue to yield negative results. The report provides details on the worsening human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in East Jerusalem, as well as in the Occupied Syrian Golan. It describes the dire humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, including as a result of the illegal Israeli blockade that has been in place for over fourteen years. The deplorable human rights situation and humanitarian crisis that Palestinian people endure under Israeli occupation has also been thoroughly documented in reports of other UN agencies on the ground and the UN Country Team. Thus, the Movement reiterates its deep concern that Israel, the occupying Power, refused yet again to recognize and cooperate with the Special Committee, preventing it from observing the human rights situation

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including resolution 2334 (2016) and the demand for the cessation of all such illegal policies and practices. It is high time to end this illegal Israeli occupation.

8. The Report stipulates that practices violate fundamental human rights and the dignity of the Palestinian people and other Arabs living under its occupation. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its serious concern over the disturbing findings of the report, particularly regarding almost daily

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landmines and the presence of Israeli army bases in and around Syrian residential and civilian areas; the construction and expansion of settlements; and recent attempts of Israel to exercise sovereignty over the occupied Syrian Golan constitute a clear violation of international law, the UN Charter and relevant resolutions, including Security Council resolution 497 (1981), and the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention,. In this regard, the Movement demands that Israel abides by resolution 497, and withdraw completely from the Occupied Syrian Golan to the borders of 4 June 1967.

17. Members of the Non-Aligned Movement reiterate its condemnation of the unilateral and arbitrary proclamation of the United States of America on "Recognizing the Golan