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STATES AND GOVERNMENT UPON ELECTION AS CHAIR OF
THE MINISTERIAL MEETING**

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Your Excellency, Yalchin Rafiyev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan,

Honourable Ministers from NAM Member States,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

First, let me on behalf of the Government and people of Uganda, and on my own behalf, welcome you to Uganda for the Ministerial meeting of the 19th Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement. I want also to thank you all for honoring our invitation. I must also thank you for your patience and understanding to wait another year for this Summit.

I am greatly humbled to accept on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda, election as Chair of the Ministerial meeting. This would not have been possible without the patience and understanding of the Republic of Azerbaijan. On that note, allow me to thank the Republic of Azerbaijan for successfully completing its chairmanship, a chairmanship am sure we all agree was exemplary particularly at a time when our organization faced with great challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Excellencies,

Considering the current challenges in the international arena, the objectives and principles of the Non-Aligned Movement remain as

relevant today as the time of founding the organisation. Uganda is committed to and looks forward to working with all of you member states in upholding and protecting them.

Uganda's Chairmanship will be anchored on a vision of '**A stronger and United NAM that Contributes to a Better World for All.**' We shall focus, among other areas, on international peace and security; the fight against terrorism; humanitarian crises; human trafficking and drug smuggling; and Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Achieving meaningful results in the these and many other areas will, no doubt, require cooperation and collaboration within our membership and other likeminded partners. I entreat you, Your Excellencies, to work with Uganda to promote a stronger and united NAM that is cohesive and contributes to a better world for all. This is important to enable our organisation to continue to be relevant and influential in decision making at the international level.

Once again, thank you for your confidence and trust. I believe together, NAM will remain stronger.

I thank you for your attention.

I say this **FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY**