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On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement
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Mr. Chairperson,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

First and foremost, we would like to extend our gratitude to the Chairman of the Host Country Committee for the presentation of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and take note of the report as well as its recommendations and conclusions therein contained in document A/77/26.

We would also like to reiterate our principled position to put forth our utmost

and preserve multilateralism. Multilateralism serves as an indispensable platform wherein we can collectively

The position of the NAM regarding the agendas that are under the consideration of this Committee is well established. The Non-Aligned Movement underlines the critical role of the host countries of the United Nations Headquarters and Offices in preserving multilateralism as well as facilitating multilateral diplomacy and inter-governmental norm-making processes.

In this regard, the NAM also calls upon all States which host the United Nations Headquarters and Offices to facilitate, in accordance with their obligation under the related Headquarters Agreements and the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations, the presence of the representatives of Member States in relevant meetings of the United Nations, as well as recalls that the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement shall be applicable irrespective of the bilateral relations existing between the Governments and the Host Country.

With reference to the denial of or the delay in the issuance of entry visas to the representatives of any NAM Member States by the Host

The NAM also expresses its serious concern regarding the arbitrary movement restrictions imposed on the diplomatic officials of some missions of NAM Member States by the Host Country of the United Nations Headquarters. Such restrictions constitute flagrant violations of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, the Headquarter Agreements and international law. In this regard, the NAM opposes these restrictions as well as their continued applica0.02 reW*nBT/4912 0 612 792 reW*