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STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY, AMBASSADOR DUNOMA UMAR AHMED, PHD, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AT THE 19TH MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, IN KAMPALA, REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, 15TH OCTOBER 2025.

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, allow me to express my profound appreciation to His Excellency, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, and the Government and people of the Republic of Uganda for the warm hospitality extended to me and my delegation since our arrival in Kampala. We commend Your Excellency Odongo Jeje Abubakhar, Ugandan Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chair of the Ministerial Meeting of NAM Coordinating Bureau for your inspiring keynote address and for Uganda's continued leadership of our movement.

Excellencies, the world today faces multiple, interlinked crises: climate-induced disasters, persistent conflicts, terrorism, pandemics, and widening inequalities. For developing countries, these challenges are exacerbated by unsustainable debt burdens, constrained fiscal space, and limited access to finance and technology.

No nation can bear these burdens alone. These times call for deeper solidarity among our Member States and a renewed commitment to sustainable development as a central strategy for peace, security, and prosperity.

The theme of our meeting, "Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence," resonates powerfully in this context. It reminds us of the enduring relevance of NAM's founding principles and our shared responsibility to advance global justice, equity, and peace. On climate change, developing countries are acting with resolve, despite limited resources. However, without affordable and predictable access to climate finance and clean technology, our efforts will fall short.

We therefore call on developed countries to fulfil their longstanding commitments, including the overdue \$100 billion annual pledge, and to scale up to financing of at least \$1 trillion annually, as needed to meet the climate goals of the Global South.

In Nigeria, we are working to mobilize private sector finance through the increased deployment of green guarantees. We have established the National Credit Guarantee Company to de-risk investments, and are aligning key ministries Solid Minerals, Finance, Power, and Environment, to implement a coherent, national approach to leveraging green guarantees.

Scaling up such instruments is essential for unlocking private capital, especially in emerging and developing economies, where green guarantees can mobilize five to six times more finance than conventional tools. We commend initiatives such as the Green Guarantee Group (GGG), which are catalyzing practical solutions. However, greater global support from multilateral development banks, governments, and the private sector is needed to mainstream these instruments and reduce the cost of capital for a just, inclusive, and resilient transition.

Excellencies, Nigeria reaffirms that the question of Palestine remains at the heart of NAM. We condemn the continued occupation and the grave violations of international law and human rights suffered by the Palestinian people.

NAM must continue to champion their legitimate aspirations for statehood and self-determination. Nigeria reiterates its firm support for a two-State solution, with an independent State of Palestine, based on the 1967 borders, and with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Excellencies, reforming global multilateral institutions is an urgent imperative. The current architecture does not adequately reflect the realities or representation of today's world. Without meaningful reform, global governance risks further erosion of legitimacy, effectiveness, and trust.

The challenges before us are formidable. But with solidarity, cooperation, and principled leadership, they are not insurmountable. By working together, NAM can continue to serve as a credible and united voice for the Global South, advancing equity, justice, and sustainable development.

In concluding my remarks, Nigeria reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the founding principles of the Movement and pledges to work with fellow Member States to deepen cooperation, strengthen solidarity, and build a future of shared global affluence-anchored on justice, equity, and mutual respect.

I thank you

Signed:

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