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Thank you Madam President,

We align ourselves with the statements delivered by the Group 77 and China, and the Asia-Pacific group.

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the adoption of this resolution by consensus.

After more than three decades, the Board has once again succeeded in adopting a substantive resolution. This is a significant achievement, particularly at a time when reaching consensus in multilateral forums has become increasingly difficult.

We thank you, Madam President, for your leadership and tireless efforts throughout this process, the Secretariat for its support, and the delegations

for their constructive engagement during months of negotiations.

We believe this resolution marks an important step towards implementing the Geneva Consensus. It provides clear direction for UNCTAD's future work and a strong mandate for the Secretariat to advance its three pillars of work.

In implementing this mandate, UNCTAD's work must reflect the concerns and priorities of member States, particularly developing countries, including the external barriers that restrict their access to markets, finance, investment and technology.

In this regard, we attach particular importance to paragraph 60 of the Geneva Consensus, which is reaffirmed in this resolution as well. In our view, the concerns addressed in this paragraph also extend to unilateral coercive measures and their adverse effects on development and the well-being of populations. We expect these concerns to receive due attention across UNCTAD's work.

We also welcome the resolution's support for the continuation of UNCTAD's work on assistance to the Palestinian people, including its analysis of the economic costs of occupation.

Furthermore, we would like to express our strong belief that the continued improvement of UNCTAD's intergovernmental machinery must be a member-driven process aimed at strengthening its effectiveness, coordination and efficiency. It should not be interpreted as a basis for restricting the organization's activities or narrowing its mandate, but rather as an opportunity to improve its ability to serve member States.

Madam President,

The real value of this resolution will be measured by its implementation. We look forward to working with all delegations and the Secretariat to translate today's consensus into meaningful results for developing

countries.

Finally, we request that the views expressed by our delegation be duly reflected in the report of this session.

I thank you, Madam President.