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Thank you Mr. President,

It is indeed a privilege for me to be addressing you today on behalf of my country Egypt. The peaceful settlement of disputes is a topic of particular importance to us, and Egypt has always been committed to it in the conduct of its international relations.

Mr. Chair,

Egypt aligns itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. We would also like to share the following additional remarks on the subject of our discussion today.

Let me start by shedding the light on the devastating consequences caused by the escalation of conflicts. Everyone in this room is aware of the toll conflicts take on humanity, the lives they cost, the destruction they cause and the instability they create, which often takes dozens of years to build back.

Thus, the peaceful settlement of international disputes through the modalities enshrined in article 33 paragraph 1 of the UN Charter should be our ideal way to sustain international peace and security.

Egypt considers that resorting to regional agencies or arrangements for the peaceful settlement of disputes, which are likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security as prescribed under article 33 paragraph 1 of the Charter, is certainly one effective way to maintain regional and, as a consequence, international order. This is particularly true when such regional agencies are well equipped and prepared to resolve disputes arising between their members in an objective and efficient manner.

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Egypt believes that the resort to regional agencies or arrangements could be an efficient option for the members of such regional agencies or arrangements to resolve disputes arising between themselves, especially when negotiations between such members reach an impasse. This should be contingent, however, on the consent of the interested parties to resort to such regional agencies or arrangements, and the ability of the latter to engage meaningfully in resolving the disputes in question effectively and without undue delay.

As such, resorting to regional agencies should not preclude states, seeking to preserve international peace and security, from exercising their inherent right to resort to the United Nations Security Council when they deem this necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security. It is our belief that the Security Council remains the main international body entrusted with the primary responsibility of maintaining international peace and security as prescribed under article 24 paragraph 1 and article 35 of the UN Charter.

Furthermore, Egypt would like to emphasize the responsibility that lies on all states when engaging in any of the methods of peaceful settlement of disputes. Possessing full good faith is a *sine qua non* for the potential success of any attempts aiming at the peaceful resolution of disputes, and states should always be very genuine and sincere in their pursuit of such peaceful means.

Finally, Egypt stands behind all efforts to maintain regional and international stability, and is supportive of enhancing the capabilities of regional organizations for the peaceful settlement of disputes. We reiterate our support for the mechanisms prescribed under article 33 paragraph 1 of the UN charter for the peaceful settlement of disputes, which go hand in hand and complement the role assigned to the UN Security Council for a stable, secure and peaceful world.

Thank you, Mr. President.