



**CHAIR OF  
THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF  
THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT**



New York, 5 November 2008

Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non Aligned Movement (NAM) and on behalf of the 118 members of the Movement.

The Members of the Non-Aligned Movement condemn the act of aggression which was committed by forces of the United States in Iraq against the Syrian Arab Republic on Sunday 26 October 2008 that targeted a civilian building in the Sukkariyah farm at the city of Abu Kamal, which resulted in the death of eight Syrian civilians and injured one person.

The Members of the Non-Aligned Movement deplore the loss of civilians lives and condemn this act that constitutes a grave violation of international law and Syrian sovereignty and a violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which provides that all Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

The Movement reiterates that the violation of the territorial integrity of any sovereign State is unacceptable. The Members of the Movement condemns in the strongest terms any form of violation of the territorial integrity of any State.

The Movement expresses its deep concern over the negative consequences of this action on the peace, security and stability of the region. It also reaffirms its full solidarity with the people and Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

H.E Mr. Jorge Urbina  
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New York

The Members of the NAM condemn and protest this act and expect the Security Council to assume its responsibility as stipulated in the Charter of the United Nations in order to prevent any repetition of this grave violation and to hold the aggressor accountable for the killing of innocent Syrian citizens, with a view to maintaining security and stability in the Middle East.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Chair of the Coordinating Bureau  
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