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It is an honor to stand before you for the 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial meeting in the great city of Kampala, Uganda. I thank our host, the Government of the Republic of Uganda, for the gracious hospitality extended to us since our arrival.

Today's Agenda and theme offer a unique occasion to reflect on the collective aspirations of the Non-Aligned Movement. It is in the spirit of unity and cooperation that we come together to endorse the Kampala Final Document. A document symbolizing our commitment to the principles of sovereignty, non-aggression, non-interference, equality, and peaceful coexistence.

The world stands at pivotal juncture where our action is need to promote multilateralism in addressing the complex challenges of our time. Rwanda advocates for the peaceful settlement of disputes, the upholding of international law, and the fulfilment of inclusive development goals.

Turning our attention to the Great Lakes Region, where Rwanda is located, a renewed sense of urgency and concerted efforts are needed to promote peace, stability, and sustainable development in the region. Rwanda believes in the importance of South-South cooperation as a means to address the unique challenges faced by our region and beyond.

In this context, I would like to reiterate Rwanda's commitment to supporting Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States in their effort to address their unique challenges.

Allow me to take this opportunity to announce that Rwanda will host the third United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries in June 2024. This Summit will aim to build consensus, foster strategic partnerships and find innovative solutions to our challenges. I therefore encourage a high-level participation from your respective countries.

To conclude, it is Rwanda's wish that the outcomes of this meeting reflect our Movement's will to build a world of shared global affluence, guided by our commitment for peace, prosperity, and sustainable development.

I thank you for your kind attention.