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**STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF GRENADA**



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**Madam Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished colleagues,**

My delegation reiterates its commitment to fulfilling the mandate of the Special Committee, having traveled along the decolonization path ourselves. My delegation further wishes to underscore the importance it places on the work of the Committee, and remains convinced that the regional seminars play a critical role in our work as we endeavor to advance the decolonization agenda.

Madam Chair,

As it relates to Western Sahara, Grenada expresses its continued support for the ongoing political process under the exclusive auspices of the Secretary-General—committed to by the Security Council since 2007—aimed at attaining a just, lasting and mutually acceptable political solution, based on compromise, to the Western Sahara dispute, as recommended by the resolutions of the Security Council, including Security Council Resolution 2602, adopted on 27 October 2021.

In that regard, Grenada commends the efforts of the Secretary-General as well as his former Personal Envoy for Western Sahara, Mr. Horst Kohler, including holding the roundtable meetings held in 2018 and 2019 with Morocco, the Polisario Front, Algeria and Mauritania therein and further welcome the roundtable process with the aforementioned parties in accordance with the resolutions of the Security Council, in particular resolution 2602, adopted on 27 October 2021. Grenada further welcomes the appointment—and supports the work—of Mr. Staffan de Mistura, the current Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara, and, as called for in Security Council resolution 2548, encourages the Personal Envoy, with the aforementioned parties, to build on the progress achieved. Further, as called for in Security Council resolution 2602, encourages the aforementioned parties, to remain committed, throughout the political process, in a spirit of realism and compromise, to ensure a successful outcome.

We further welcome the Moroccan Autonomy Initiative presented on 11 April 2007 to the Secretary-General, noting the Security Council's "welcoming serious and credible Moroccan efforts to move the process forward towards resolution"

I thank you.
