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**STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF INDONESIA**

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Indonesia to the United Nations**

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Madam Chair, excellencies, distinguish participants,

Let me begin by expressing, Indonesia's sincere gratitude to the Government and People of St. Lucia... for hosting this **important** annual C-24 Regional Seminar...

My delegation commends the excellent arrangement and appreciates the warm welcome since our arrival in beautiful St Lucia yesterday.

Allow me also to use this opportunity to express my delegation and personal appreciation to our Dear Chair...

- for her leadership and grace in steering the Committee...
- for her personal dedication and determination in carrying out the Committee's mandate...
- and to ensure that we meet in the most beautiful of places...
- for discussing difficult issues like decolonization...

Madam Chair, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Decolonization is one of the **great success stories** of the United Nations....

But, as we enter the **fourth international decade** for the eradication of colonialism, we might ask ourselves how many more international decades do we need?

As we speak.... There are **17 remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories (NSGT)**. This highlight the magnitude of our challenge, and the commitment needed from all parties to complete our tasks.

It falls to the United Nations, and to all of us as members of the international community, to help bring this process to a successful conclusion.

Madam Chair,

Climate change, COVID-19, and now the threat of imminent food, energy and financial crises, are real and present danger facing our world today.

These challenges, threatened to reverse development gains and achievement made of SDGs targets by many developing world, including people in NSGTs.

In the face of these monumental challenges, it is imperative for the international community to work in **solidarity**, and **intensify multilateral cooperation**.

It is in this context, Madame Chair, that Indonesia as this year President of the G20, have engaged the PIF and CARICOM members, to better understand the real development and economic challenges facing the people in these regions.

Indonesia's aims is simple... to make G20 more **relevant** to the world at large...

To hear the voice and needs of people from the developing world... particularly for the people with the least resources to address the current global challenges, such as the people in NSGTs.

It is for this reason that the Chair of the PIF, CARICOM, NEPAD, and the African Union are invited to the G20 Summit in Bali, this November.

This is Indonesia's way to ensure we can effectively.. **recover together** ... **recover stronger** from the Covid-19 Pandemic, and address other global challenges.

Madam Chair,

While we are working together to identify workable options to advance the implementation of the C-24 mandate...

We must keep in mind that solution to each territory, does not follow the principle of "one size fits all"....

The process of delisting, needs to be carried forward on a case-by-case basis...

In this regard, Indonesia reiterates our commitment to continuously support the works of the Special Committee....

To continue to undertake **a careful, and balanced assessment** of the particular condition, and situation in each of the NSGTs.

Indonesia **strongly believe** in the **power of dialogue!**

Continuing dialogues between the administering powers and the NSGTs and all relevant parties, in our view is **critical and must be continuously encourage.....**

Equally important as engaging the administering powers in the efforts and activities of the Special Committee.

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The C-24 Seminar has an important feature of our work.

It is a strategic platform for dialogue, of key and relevant stakeholders.

It is also a valuable forum for receiving updates from the ground.

The high attendance here today... despite the challenges of traveling in a post Covid-19 world....

Signify value place by all stakeholders on the Regional Seminar....

In this vein... and as part of that contribution and commitment for the cause, I am pleased to announce Indonesia's readiness to host the next long awaited Pacific Regional Seminar in Indonesia next year...

Finally, rest assure that my delegation will to continue to work together and contribute more to the works of Committee in fulfilling its mandate.

I thank you Madame Chair.