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**Statement by the Representative of  
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA**

Thank you Mr. Vice Chair,

Firstly, the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda also joins with its esteemed colleagues in thanking the Government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the professional organization of events and generosity extended to the visiting delegates.

I wish to make reference to agenda item 2(a). Antigua and Barbuda's commitment as members of the C24 to the work of the Committee remains strong, and my delegation would like to underline that this commitment is guided by the principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, resolutions 1514, 1541, 2625 and the subsequent relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and Security Council.

Mr. Vice Chair, surrounded by the ever changing dynamics of the international political environment that we notice today, my delegation strongly supports that the Committee resorts, on a case by case basis, to creative, new and pragmatic approaches base on realism and compromise during this International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

My delegation supports creative initiatives which are consistent with international law and the UN Charter, and welcomes a process that will create economic development, social transformation and good governance.

My delegation further notes with appreciation, the cooperation of Morocco with the special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council which also maintains a standing invitation to the mandate holders to travel to the territory. We also welcome the work of the Moroccan National Council for Human Rights and its two regional offices in Dakhla and Laayoune that guarantee the respect of human rights of all citizens in the Sahara. The Security Council has also welcomed these developments.

In closing, Antigua and Barbuda reiterates its unremitting support of the work of the Committee.

Thank you.