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**Madame Chair,**

Thank you for giving us the floor

At the outset allow me to thank the briefers for the information shared.

- The Republic of Angola reiterates its long-standing principled position on colonialism. We strongly reject colonialism and new colonialism in all its forms and manifestation.
- We defend the rights for the self-determination of people and the independence of territories that remain under occupation anywhere in the world.
- Regarding the African Continent, the last UN Secretary Generals' Report on MINURSO underscores improvements in MINURSO's operational capacities, including better access to areas near the berm. We welcome this development and encourage further progress consistent with the principles and purposes of the UN Charter, including the principle of self-determination.
- We further welcome the renewal of the mandate of the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) for another year, until 31 October 2025.
- However, we call on parties to do their utmost to guarantee that MINURSO has broader access to interlocutors and to local sites to improve its ability to collect reliable information and provide comprehensive reporting across its area of responsibility.
- Western Sahara remains the only territory that has not achieved its self- determinations in Africa.

- Angola strongly supports the inalienable right to self-determination and independence for of the people of Western Sahara.
- We urge the Security Council to continue working with countries in the region to facilitate a viable, just, lasting, and mutually acceptable political solution, based on compromise, which will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.
- Holding a referendum for the self-determination of the Saharawi people, as stipulated in the relevant United Nations resolutions, continues to be the best way to resolve this dispute.
- The international community and the United Nations should continue to support the holding of consultations, as well as negotiations that are under way, among concerning Member States with a view to resolve certain colonial situations that are clearly identified in resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly.
- Angola reiterate that any initiative should fully guarantee Saharawi people the right to self-determination to its territory.
- Regarding to the question on Malvinas Island, the dispute between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom involving these Islands needs to be settled through bilateral negotiations and in good faith.
- The Republic of Angola encourages the parties to resume negotiations in accordance with the principles and the objectives of the UN Charter and relevant General Assembly resolutions in a view to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful and lasting solution concerning the sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands.
- To conclude, we would like to stress that no territory should be left behind in achieving self-determination. **A luta continua.**
- Finally, Angola supports the offer made by Nicaragua to host the next regional seminar.

**Thank you.**

