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Madam Chair, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me on behalf of the Indonesian delegation, to extend our appreciation to the Chair, Ambassador Menissa Rambaly for her able stewardship in steering the Committee, and her dedication to exercise the mandate to advancing the decolonization agenda.

I would also like to convey my appreciation to all members of the Committee for entrusting Indonesia to host this important Regional Seminar once again.

Madam Chair, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

15 years ago, when Indonesia hosted its first regional seminar, we were in the Second Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

Today, we are already in our Fourth Decade.

Calls for the Committee to achieve progress on the issues of decolonization is a plenty.

But we must ensure that in doing so, every process within the decolonization agenda be taken in accordance with the agreed parameters.

As the primary vehicle for fostering decolonization process, discussion within the Special Committee must be in line with the UN Charter, including in ensuring respect to national unity and territorial integrity of a country.

We continue to encourage dialogue between NSGTs and Administering Powers to support the work of the Special Committee.

Dialogue and processes must be carried out in an inclusive and credible manner, through involvement of all parties.

For dialogue to work, we need perseverance, political will and willingness to engage constructively.

Therefore, we can exert new impetus and garner momentum, through concerted efforts.

Madam Chair, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Our regional seminar today must also provide us with an opportunity to identify and propose workable solutions in the implementation of our mandate.

Our task ahead remains challenging, 17 territories remain on the list of the NSGTs.

The solution for each Territories is never based on a “one size fits all” approach.

The process must be carried out on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the unique set of challenges faced by each Territories.

For this reason, apart from being the primary vehicle for the decolonization process this forum must also serve to promote developments in the NSGTs.

For this purpose, it is crucial to undertake a careful, and balanced assessment of the condition and situation in each of the NSGTs.

Madam Chair, excellence, ladies and gentlemen,

Finally, I also want to emphasize that our challenge, as agreed at the previous meeting, is also to ensure the economic sustainability of the NSGTs community.

The experience of COVID-19 pandemic shows how vulnerable they are to global shocks.

Not to mention the impact of the accelerating pace of climate change which posed an existential threat to NSGTs with small islands characteristics.

Therefore, building their economic and health resilience must also be our priority.

Rest assured, Excellency, that my delegation will continue to work together and contribute more to the works of the Committee in the discharge of its important mandate.

I thank you Madame Chair.

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