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**Your Excellency Madame Chair, MENISSA RAMBALLY**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

At the outset I would like to thank you for giving me the floor. Allow me to express my appreciation to the Government of Indonesia for hosting this seminar in this beautiful city of Bali and for the facilities provided to all delegations.

**Madame Chair,**

Three decades have passed and here we are at the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, the subject, and goals of which remain the same as the those of the Special Committee and the Plan of Action that is yet to be implemented.

The debate on the eradication of colonialism is far from over. As long as non-self-governing territories exist, we need to take big steps to support the self-

determination of people who still do not enjoy total freedom. The fourth international decade must be decisive for the total eradication of colonialism in the 21st century to avoid the need to define a Fifth Decade, due to the lack of implementation of relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions and due to lack of political will by the States that still control these territories.

The implementation of the United Nations Agenda 2030 must be global so that everyone can benefit from the Sustainable Development Goals. All non-self-governing territories must equally benefit from autonomy to implement the SDGs.

In this regard, we would like to highlight the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Chapter XI of the United Nations Charter on article 73, which states: “Members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government recognize the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these territories are paramount, and accept as a sacred trust the obligation to promote to the utmost, within the system of international peace and security established by the present Charter, the well-being of the inhabitants of these territories”.

**Madame Chair,**

The Republic of Angola defends the right to self-determination of people and the independence of territories that remain occupied and call upon the States that still occupy these territories to comply with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly in this regard.

Regarding the African Continent, there is still one territory that has not achieved its full self-determination.

I am referring to 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 role of this Committee and of other United Nations bodies, namely the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Secretary General of the United Nations is the key to a lasting solution to the conflict.

In this regard, we wish to encourage the tenacious efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General, Mr. Staffan de Mistura, and encourage both parties to engage in good faith in this process.

**Madam Chair,**

The Republic of Angola also supports the initiatives to ensure the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals in all non-self-governing territories. No one should be left behind. The time has come to implement the Assembly and Security Council Resolutions regarding the eradication of colonialism.

The international community and the United Nations should continue to support the holding of consultations, as well as negotiations that are under way, among Member States concerned with a view to resolving certain colonial situations clearly identified in resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly.

**Madame Chair,**

To conclude, we would like to reiterate that all efforts should be combined to effectively assist the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in their progress towards self-determination. We should also all actively participate in the implementation of the plan of action.

Thank you.