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**STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS**

C24 Regional Seminar
Saint Kitts and Nevis' Statement on Western Sahara

Madam Chair,

Thanks for giving me the floor, Saint Kitts and Nevis is in supports of the political process under the guidance of the United Nations to reach a political solution of the regional dispute over the Western Sahara. We believe that the efforts engaged by the Secretary General and his Personal Envoy, are able to lead this process towards achieving a realistic, practicable and enduring political solution based on compromise, as called for by the Security Council, including in its resolution 2654 adopted in October 2022.

Saint Kitts and Nevis calls upon Morocco, Algeria, Mauritania and polisarrio – to remain committed to the political process, support the resumption of the roundtables under the same format, and fully participate in them, in a spirit of good faith and cooperation.

Madam Chair,

My delegation supports the resolution of this regional dispute, under the sovereignty and the territorial and national integrity of the Kingdom of Morocco. In this context, we welcome the Autonomy Plan for the Sahara proposed by Morocco, which is considered to be a credible, serious and realistic initiative, as affirmed by the Security Council, which we believe will facilitate the resolution of this prolonged dispute. We are encouraged in this context by the large support and recognition that this proposal has garnered from the International Community, since its submission in 2007.

St.Kitts and Nevis also recognizes and appreciates the continued efforts invested by the Kingdom of Morocco to ensure the socio-economic development of the Sahara Provinces. We commend Morocco for the implementation of such grand projects in the Sahara, which have greatly contributed to the empowerment of its populations– including women and youth - and the improvement of the Human Development Indexes in the region.

Madam Chair,

Progress in the political process requires a calm and serene atmosphere on the ground. In this regard, MINURSO's stabilizing role, through the implementation of its mandate of supervising the cease-fire, remains crucial. We seize this opportunity to call on polisarrio to return to the cease-fire and to cease all obstructions to MINURSO's operational activities, including for resupply purposes. We recall that such obstructions are unacceptable and constitute a violation of the Security Council resolutions.

I thank you Madam Chair.