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**STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF INDONESIA**

Intervention of the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
Political Developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories:
in Other Regions

agenda item 2(a) (iii)
Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Western Sahara

Bali, 25 May 2023

Excellencies, fellow participants,

I thank all speakers for providing the latest development of the respective NSGTs.

First of all, allow me to touch upon the question of **Falkland Islands - Malvinas**.

We reiterate our view that the ideal solution to this particular question should be through a peaceful and negotiated settlement of the issue between the two governments.

We encourage both governments to optimize the good offices of the Secretary General to further assist in resuming further dialogue in the quest to solve the dispute concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands - Malvinas.

Furthermore, allow me to also share a few points on the question of **Western Sahara**.

Indonesia supports the efforts of the Secretary General to advance the political process, with a view to achieving a just, lasting and mutually acceptable political solution.

This includes the work of the Personal Envoy, Mr. Staffan De Mistura. In this regard, we note the two visits of Mr. de Mistura in 2022.

In the same vein, we also support calls made by the Security Council through its resolutions, in order to reach a realistic, practicable and enduring solution to the issue of Western Sahara.

Excellencies, fellow participants,

Taking into consideration the complexity and sensitivity of these issue having an updated and balanced information to thoroughly assess the situation on the ground is essential.

We hope the Committee can continue to advance on a consensual approach and a joint spirit of cooperation.

In closing, allow me to reiterate that Indonesia will continue to support the committee's work on these issues

Thank you.