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Goals in the Non-Self-Governing Territories**

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DEVELOPMENT GOALS ATTAINMENT  
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**Madame Chair,  
Members of the Bureau and the C-24,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

I am pleased to join you virtually in this Regional Seminar.

As a former colony ourselves, Indonesia is very committed to the decolonization cause.

The very first line of our Constitution says: independence is the inalienable right of all nations, and colonialism must be abolished in the world.

On this note, we commend progress made by the C-24.

Let me share our view on decolonization.

**FIRST, decolonization must be carried out in line with the international parameters.**

The process must adhere to the principles of the UN Charter, and it can only be done through the C-24.

Decolonization cannot be used to disrupt political cohesion and territorial integrity of any countries.

There is no “one size fits all” in decolonization. It must be done on a case-by-case basis.

To make progress, we must encourage continued dialogue with the NSGTs and strengthen engagement with the Administering Powers, in support of the C-24's works.

**SECOND, decolonization must pay special attention to the well-being of the people.**

Each NSGTs is facing unique development challenges, which have been compounded by the pandemic.

We cannot leave people in NSGTs behind in our recovery efforts, and in our quest to achieve the SDGs.

We must come up with innovative approaches to support the NSGTs, including through greater involvement of the UN specialized bodies and agencies.

**Colleagues,**

The ultimate objective was always to enable our people live in dignity, peace, and prosperity.

The same spirit must guide our endeavor in this Committee.

I wish you fruitful deliberations, and I declare this 2023 Pacific Regional Seminar open.

I thank you very much.