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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM

**Pacific regional seminar on the implementation of the Fourth International
Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism:
innovative steps to ensure the attainment of the Sustainable Development
Goals in the Non-Self-Governing Territories**

**Bali, Indonesia
24 to 26 May 2023**

OF NAMIBIA

Madam Chairperson,

1. From the onset I express my best wishes to you as Chair of this Committee and assure you my delegations full support

which entrenches inequality and erodes developmental aspirations, creating conditions that are not conducive for development to thrive.

5. This rings true for the seventeen Non-Self Governing territories, including the last remaining NSGT in Africa, Western Sahara. Today, on the occasion of the 60th

determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social, and cultural development delays the implementation of the SDGs. Furthermore, exploitation without proper consultation and benefit-sharing arrangements of the resources of Western Sahara impinges on and undermines sustainable development efforts

12. Namibia continues to hold in high regard, the work undertaken by Mr. Staffan de Mistura the Secretary General's

~~Personal File of Mr. Staffan de Mistura~~

and the UN would boast of more decolonisation success stories.

I thank you.