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pursuing goals and addressing needs of
the Non-Self-Governing Territories**

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STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF

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Madam Chair,

I would like to thank the distinguished experts under this agenda item for their insightful presentations.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its unwavering support for the Saharawi people's right to self-determination, in accordance with United Nations resolution 1514 (XV) on granting independence to colonial countries and peoples.

We stand behind the ongoing negotiations aimed at achieving a just, lasting, and mutually acceptable political solution that respects the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara. It is imperative that all parties engage in these negotiations within the framework of UN-sponsored talks, devoid of preconditions

and in good faith with a genuine commitment to the principles of the UN Charter. Additionally, the international community must fulfill its responsibility in implementing all UN resolutions and decisions concerning Western Sahara, while steadfastly supporting the Saharawi people in their pursuit of self-determination and independence.

I thank you,

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The Islamic Republic of Iran fully supports the right of the Puerto Rican people to self-determination and independence on the basis of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

My delegation also welcomes the adoption of several resolutions and decisions by consensus concerning the issue of Puerto Rico. The Islamic Republic of Iran calls on the United States to put an end to imposing austerity measures that have been

causing serious deterioration in the social and economic conditions of the people of Puerto Rico and raising the cost of their lives. We also call on expediting the procedures to facilitate the exercise of the right to self-determination by the people of Puerto Rico.