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Your Excellency Mr. Chair, José Alberto Bríz Gutiérrez
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

My delegation congratulates you, Mr. Chair, and members of the Bureau on your election. Please be assured of Angola's full support.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the last session's bureau members for the work well done.

Excellencies,

Angola welcomes this new item on the Fourth Committee Agenda: ***Eradicating colonialism in all its forms and manifestations*** remains a matter of concern in this century.

Colonialism was one of the most serious violations of human freedom, human dignity and a blatant violation of human rights. It was indeed one of the most despicable crimes in human history.

Eradicating colonialism in all its forms and manifestations is essential for achieving true global justice, equality, and self-determination. Addressing economic exploitation, cultural omission, and systemic differences rooted in colonial legacies.

The United Nations Charter and the Universal Rights Declarations recognize the inalienable rights and self-determination of people.

The African Union has designated 2025 as the **"Year of Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations."**



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This initiative underscores the AU's commitment to addressing historical injustices, including the trans-Atlantic slave trade, colonialism, apartheid, and genocide. It builds on decades of advocacy and collaboration, aiming to foster unity and establish mechanisms for reparatory justice on a global scale.

Furthermore the 2nd Africa-CARICOM Summit, held on 7th September 2025, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the theme: “Transcontinental Partnership in Pursuit of Reparatory Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations”, underscored the need to transform past injustices into solidarity, cooperation, and justice.

Heads of State and Government reiterated their unwavering call for reparatory justice for Africans and People of African Descent. They underscored that the enduring legacies of the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and chattel enslavement constitute grave crimes against humanity, which necessitate restitution, compensation and development. To this end, the Summit agreed to adopt “The Addis Ababa Declaration on Transcontinental Partnership in Pursuit of Reparatory Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations.”

African nations, Caribbean States, and the global African diaspora are working together to strengthen unity, deepen integration, and jointly pursue for reparations and reparatory justice through a comprehensive transcontinental partnership framework.

In this regard, Angola would like to highlight the importance of facilitating and supporting the right to self-determination through transparent and inclusive processes, enabling the Non-Self-Governing Territories to determine their political status and future governance arrangements.

Therefore, the proposal of 14th December as the “*International Day against Colonialism in All Its Forms and Manifestations*”, to be observed annually. It is an opportunity to raise



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awareness of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations, allowing societies to identify and resist contemporary practices of domination.

History of colonialism cannot be erased but serves as a mirror for reflection, so that we do not return to the past, which in some cases is still present.

Excellencies,

To conclude, the Republic of Angola reaffirms its principled position of strong rejection of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations. We defend the right of people to self-determination and the independence of territories that remain occupied. Decolonization is not a favor, but a right.

Thank you.