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Mr. President,

I would like to thank Madam Acting High Commissioner and the panelists for their fruitful discussions,

This a proved fact that colonialism has led to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and that Africans and people of African descent, Asians and people of Asian descent, indigenous peoples and people from independent nations were and still are the victims of colonialism and colonial machinations and continue to be victims of its neo-colonial consequences;

It is regrettable that at the onset of the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, there is no end in sight. Instead, the world is witnessing a new surge of neo-colonial repercussions, such as the growing apartheid policies and the subsequent impunities in particular within the Occupied Palestine.

Another form of apartheid, the vaccine apartheid, is also indicative of the inequality among countries in the global sphere. Whereas still, less than 50% of the African population has received their first COVID-19 dose, as of September 2022;

Other form of neo-colonial policies is imposing unilateral coercive measures against developing countries to deprive these nations from their right of self-determination;

It is years that a proposal made by some UN members to retire the Trusteeship Council, as main body within the United Nations for **decolonialism**;

Evidently, such a development will run contrary to the purpose of the United Nations Charter, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

In this regard, I would like to ask the Panelists about possible ways to revitalize the Trusteeship Council without fundamentally changing its mandate.

.I thank you, Mr. President