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Closing Remarks by

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished participants,  
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Ladies and Gentlemen

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I believe all of us have had a pleasant stay in Bandung, and I do hope our discussions during the seminar have further enriched our perspectives in moving the process of decolonization forward.

I wish you a safe and pleasant journey back home.