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SECOND INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM

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DISCUSSION PAPER

*Role of the United Nations system in providing developmental assistance to  
Non-Self-Governing Territories: presentation by the United Nations  
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It is again a distinct honour to participate in the 2007 Caribbean  
Regional Seminar on the implementation of the Second International  
Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: Next Steps in  
Decolonization.

I was fortunate to be present at the Cancun Caribbean Regional  
Seminar which assessed the implementation of the Second  
International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism. At that  
meeting, I presented on behalf of the Caribbean Overseas Unit  
Regional Bureau of Latin America and Caribbean, the contribution  
and work of the UNDP Caribbean Office, with specific references to  
the Governance Programme of UNICEF Barbados and its regional office  
which serves 10 Caribbean Small Island Developing States.

It is accepted by the Members of the Special Committee of 24 that  
UNDP cooperatively through its field offices has over the years  
consistently supported the UN decolonization mandate and resolutions  
with the provision of technical assistance inputs and expertise. I wish to  
assure this meeting that this remains a firm platform of assistance.

At the Cancun meeting it was noted that the Caribbean Non-Self

Government policy level support and capacity building processes. This

support is placed within UNDP's global programme framework of  
www.undp.org, the centerpiece of which is the pledge of world leaders to  
achieve the Millennium Development Goals with the overarching goal of  
reducing poverty in half by 2015.

Again I remind the Committee that the focus of UNDP is:

of the priority areas which include the protection of human rights and

## Democratic Governance

Poverty Reduction and Social Development

Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Environment and Environment

HIV/AIDS and Gender

Contributing Country (NCC) status of the non-independent Member

of associate membership status in regional organizations and

## UNDP regional funding windows and programmes

Barbados Office which serves the 3 of Eastern Caribbean non-independent territories. These countries are able to access assistance

through three programming modalities - sub-regional providing assistance through the St. Lucia based Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) [www.oecs.org](http://www.oecs.org), wider regional CARICOM [www.caricom.org](http://www.caricom.org), and national providing direct capacity building support at the country level, as requested and funded by the country.

As noted at the Grenada Meeting, non-independent territories can equally access UNDP assistance on similar terms as independent

countries such as those Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago which are other NCC status programme countries supported by the UNDP Caribbean Offices and programming network.

non-independent territories are invited to prepare statements of intent proposals for UNDP assistance within the context of MDG

priority of programming.

The need for new governance agendas is addressed by MDG 9, MDG 8 to the goal which recognizes the special status categorization and urges

non-independent territories to undertake periodic analysis, as a unique

dimensions within the context of global and regional competitiveness

taking into account the full range of MDG Goal 9 targets. This assessment can be

example, address and define long-term development vision, identify indicators that influence the political agendas of this region, examine innovative capacity building perspective.

Taking from the experience of UNDP Sri Lanka which undertook a similar initiative, UNDP Sri Lanka noted that they encountered some difficulties in identifying the meaning of Goal 8. UNDP Sri Lanka further indicated that they have looked at it a lot from the 'resource' perspective. Goal 8 as providing the means for development with the main focus on resources and not only development assistance. Resources are at the heart of the MDG achievement. Thus we are looking at each aspect of Goal

8, what it means, and on the policies and resources that the countries are putting in place in order to achieve the world's dream of the MDGs.

Given the importance of MDG 8 in the achievement of the other Goals, this type of assessment and analysis will not only define Caribbean SIDS progress toward the achievement of the MDGs, but also can be used to support government, donors and civil society analysis and dialogue on commitments.

Since many of the Caribbean non-self governing territories have achieved high and middle income status which has significantly reduced and limited access to concessional grant resources, we propose that Non-Self-Governing Territories consider reviewing the mechanisms of

diplomacy through the (CED) Caribbean Forum for Development

<http://www.caribank.org>

development policies as well as record the quantum and nature of the assistance needed and actions required on the part of each of the development stakeholders in the areas specified under the first MDGs.

Although it is not from a developing country perspective, the first MDG

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<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2004/Jan/04jan14.nm.htm>

UNDP, the UN's global development network on the ground in 166

countries, is an organization that aims to provide leadership in

help people build a better life. UNDP has had longstanding cooperation

agreements with Caribbean SIDS working with them as they develop

local capacity to formulate and implement solutions to global and national development challenges.

UNDP again urges Non-Self Governing States to review and access the

Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean 2005-2009 sub-regional

framework which is designed to specifically support their

processes and development activities as well as provide assistance inputs

in the critical areas - poverty, environment management and disaster

risk reduction with governance inputs supporting public sector

transparency.

In conclusion, I share a PowerPoint Presentation on an innovative distance learning programme launched by UNDP. It is an example of UNDP programming support available to non-Self-Governing Territories which could be accessed to meet their development requirements in the areas of Continuous Education, Skills

UNDP provides assurance of its continued support and innovative assistance in the areas identified in this presentation. We look forward to our continued support of sustainable active partnerships to achieve the goals and recommendations of this Committee. We look forward to our continued work with the Caribbean Overseas Territories and Special Committee of 24 in supporting the decolonization process.

I thank you for your kind attention.  
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AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	AGENCY COMMENTS	FUNDING LEVEL
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of countries in the OECS to strengthen their programme in poverty assessment and work done in Saint Lucia and Grenada in implementing the CWIQ Survey and support training in the areas of training life skills across the areas of training life skills across the MDGs. 5) Support to MDG - finalization of Grenada's IFRSP methodology.

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<p>raising in six OECS countries (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines). National United Nations Volunteer (NUNV) is a programme of the United Nations Environment Programme, to promote the National Environmental Management Strategy (NEMS), and to undertake the environmental awareness activities. The assistance will be extended to the facilitation of environmental resource management.</p>	<p>Project outputs would vary depending on the country. The project would include environmental awareness programmes, promotion of NEMS, establishment of know-how of environmental management, and facilitation of environmental resource management.</p>
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**Eligible:** This is a capacity-development project which aims to strengthen environmental awareness, monitoring, and management in the Environmental Unit or Department to assist the overall environmental management strategy (NEMS), and to undertake the environmental awareness activities. local communities whose livelihood depends on natural resources in participating the natural resource management.

**Country's strategy developed:** national public information and facilitation of implementation of environmental awareness activities; evaluation of communities to environmental

US\$109,000 (Japan Trust Fund) 2005 - 2008





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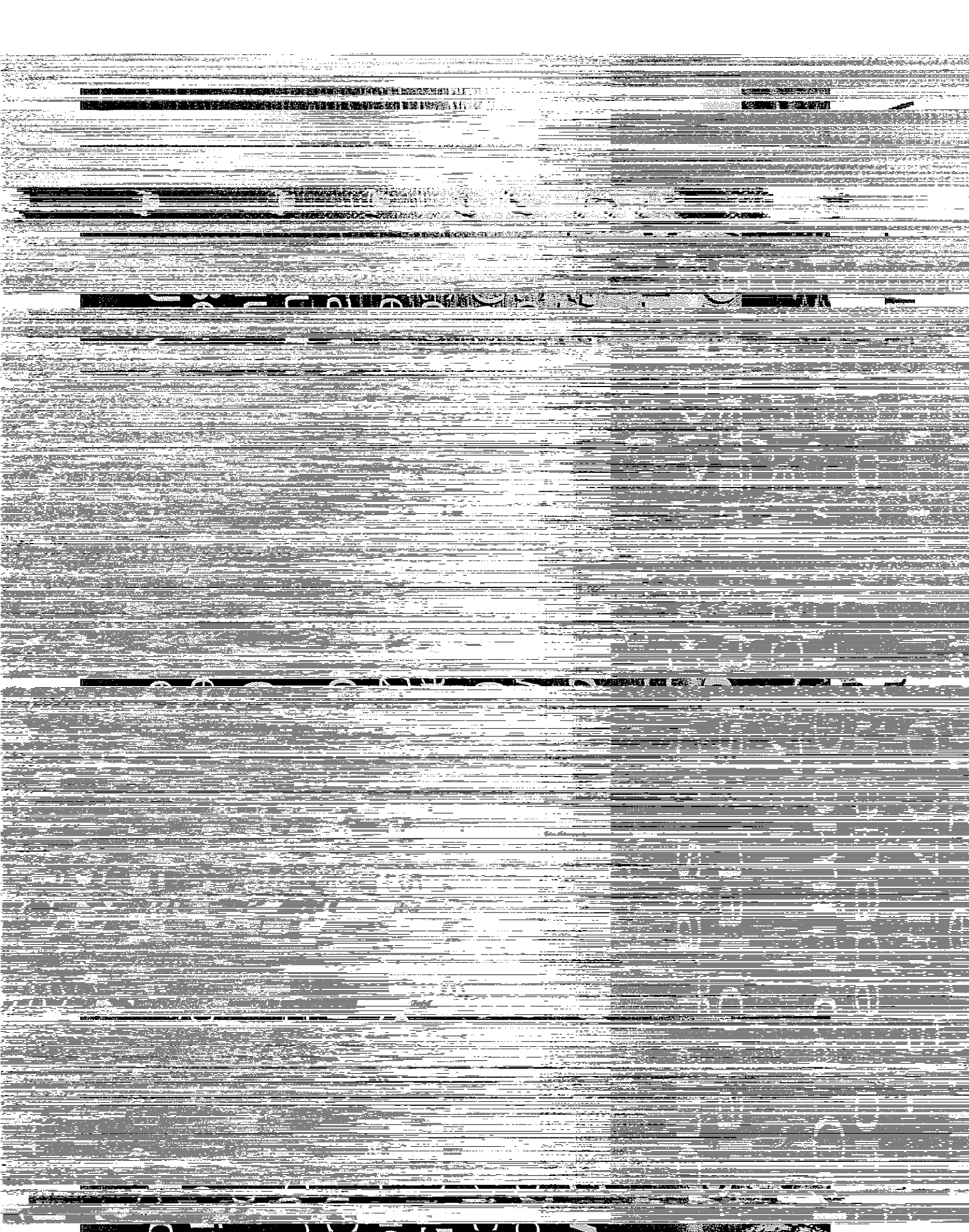
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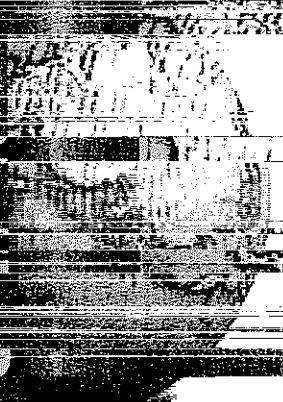
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