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Special Committee on the
Situation with regard to the
Implementation of the Declaration
on the Granting of Independence
to Colonial Countries and Peoples

2009 Caribbean Regional Seminar

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Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we are approaching the very end of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism in 2010, let us together take a closer look and see where we are, and where we can go from here.

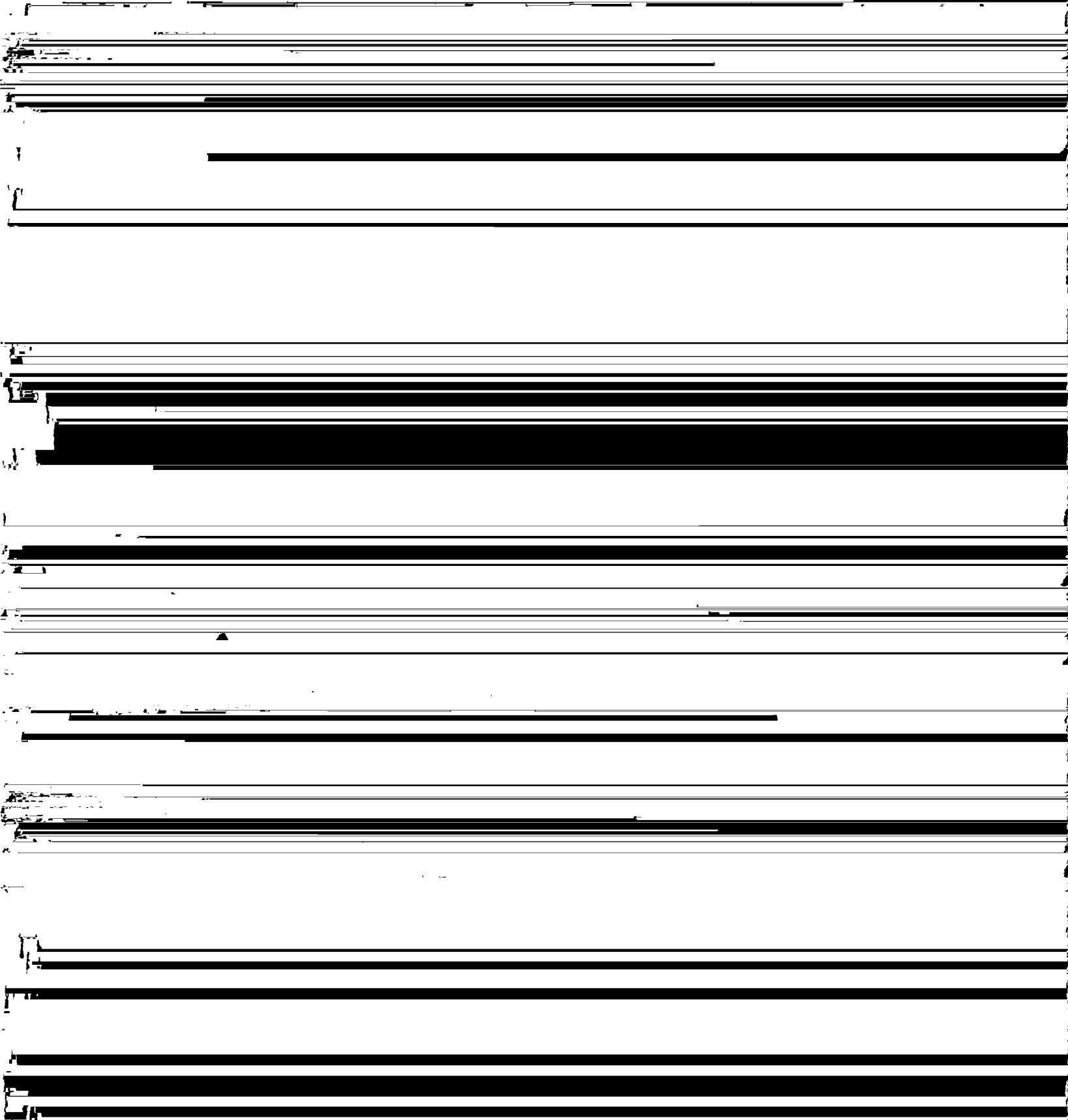
In doing so, we need to keep sight of the fundamental responsibilities and obligations of all those concerned, and adhere to the United Nations' core principles and resolutions on decolonization.

As indicated in the agenda of the seminar, I shall focus my presentation on three main topics, namely:

(1) Demands for a change in the world

Before elaborating those three main topics, let me start by taking stock on the progress thus far and where we are now.

The process of decolonization promoted by the Special Committee has



And yet, we still have to find a way to de-list the next Non-Self-Governing Territory.

Therefore, and based on the three main topic areas I mentioned before, I shall try to offer some "food for thoughts" that could hopefully trigger further discussions on how the international community's abiding interest in decolonization could be fine-tuned with today's world.

The first area is "dealing with the dynamics of a changing world".

Distinguished Participants,

In the face of a changing world, the Special Committee needs to examine

how it can release resources

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supporting the decolonization process of Tokelau, within the pace that the people of Tokelau are comfortable with.

In other Territories it seems fair to say that

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Distinguished Participants,

At this juncture, I would like to share with you some findings which are contained in working papers prepared by the Secretariat in 2009.

There continue to be opportunities for the parties concerned to build on completed or on-going internal constitutional review exercises in several United

The third area is "facilitating enhanced outreach to the members of the

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