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for the Eradication of Colonialism: challenges and opportunities in the process of
decolonization in today's world

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STATEMENT



Statement to the Opening Ceremony of the Caribbean Regional Seminar

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of the 2009 Caribbean Regional Seminar on Decolonisation. We are pleased to serve as

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the decolonisation process.

achieved its independence in 1983, and this was the last territory in the region to do so.

Our membership on the Special Committee on Decolonisation, together with sister countries of the OECS, signals our understanding of the process. As we reflect upon our

acknowledge that these reforms were not intended to bring the dependency status to an end. Thus, it is the attainment of full self-determination for these territories which will remain in sharp focus according to the mandate of the General Assembly resolutions

It has been opined that the issue of implementation continues to be the "Achilles heel" of the decolonisation process especially in light of the Caribbean inspired Plan of

