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Pacific regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International Decade for
the Eradication of Colonialism: accelerating action

Denarau, Nadi, Fiji
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STATEMENT BY



TOKELAU

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Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency Ambassador Mr Xavier Lasso Mendoza
Rapporteur and distinguished Members of this Seminar,
Ulu of Tokelau Aliko Faipule Kuresa Nasau.

On behalf of New Zealand, in its capacity as administering power for
Tokelau I have the honour to participate in this Seminar.

New Zealand expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Government
of Fiji for hosting this valuable seminar – we are very pleased that it is
being hosted in the Pacific given the number of important issues on the
Council's agenda that are currently taking place on the Council.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to hear about the spectrum of
challenges being faced on the decolonisation agenda, which in the last
year has achieved particular prominence, particularly in our region and
present. New Zealand's views on the question of Tokelau

New Zealand continues to welcome the interest of the UN and the C24 in
Tokelau. New Zealand particularly appreciates the close partnership we
maintain with the Committee through its Pacific members, Papua New
Guinea and Fiji.

Overall we would characterise our relationship with Tokelau as a

where he held useful consultations with the new Council and village
leaders on all three atolls. Recently the Administrator joined the

In addition, NZ is supporting Tokelau with safe ship to shore infrastructure, including new barges to bring passengers and cargo to

shore, and upgrades to wharf areas.

We are pleased that Tokelau recently agreed to undertake a review of transport operations with a view to maximising efficiency, and ensuring value for money services. We have also reached agreement with Tokelau that the technical ship management functions of the new ship will be contracted out. This will ensure the safety of passengers, and longevity of the vessel.

Mr Chairman

Education has been a key focus area of our engagement with Tokelau recently, following the extensive review of education (initiated by Tokelau)

For us good governance is evidenced by high quality decisions and awareness of the responsibilities held by decision makers. It is evidenced

by a willingness of the willness the will

solutions. Always working together in partnership.

continue to encourage Tokelau to engage meaningfully with the international community.

noting constraints can arise, given Tokelau's constitutional status (where, formally, New Zealand is responsible for Tokelau's external relations).