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Gibraltar's Decolonization.

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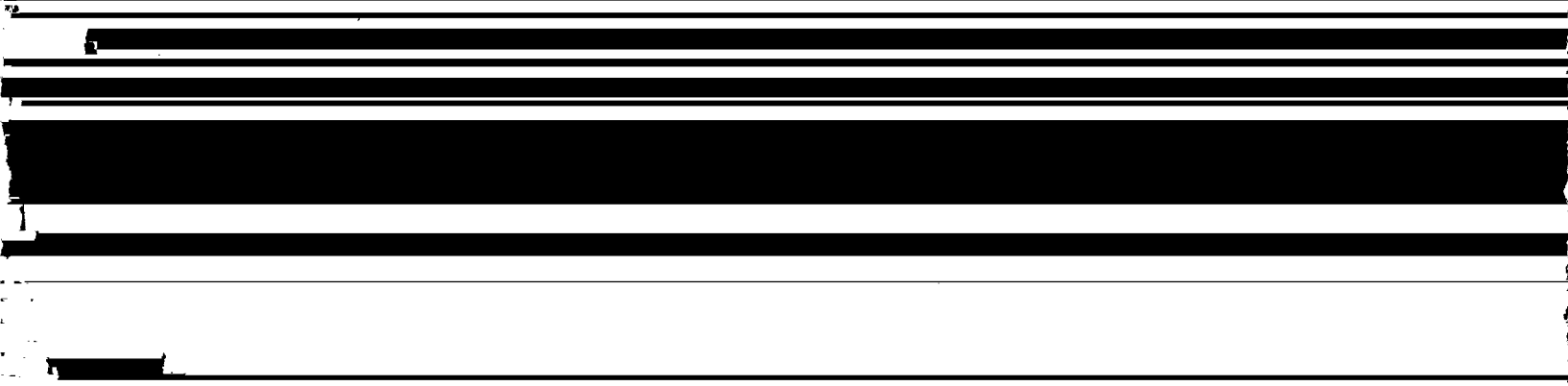
Mr Chairman,

Last year I raised a number of concerns about the accuracy of the Gibraltar working paper and the conclusions reached after the seminar.

I am grateful to the Secretariat for correcting those inaccuracies this year.

Regretfully, however, I cannot say the same for the seminar conclusions by participating C24 members. I wrote to the Chair last August but have not had a reply to date.

Like other participants I want to express my appreciation to the



Nicaraguan Government for once again hosting this Seminar.

Participants however should know that this became necessary because

the only other country offering to host the seminar was my own and it

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fully applicable to Gibraltar. You also noted that there was a disagreement between UK and Spain and called on them to begin talks in accordance with the Principles of the Charter and bearing in mind the interests of the People of the Territory.

However, what Spain cannot do is be selective, say that 73 (e), applies to us but 73 (b), does not.

73 (b), Mr Chairman requires UK to develop our self-government and to take due account of our political aspirations as a People.

Spain, in breach of its obligation as a member of the UN, opposes the development of our self-government and tells you we are not a People, but an artificial population. The population of Gibraltar is 33,140 made of

Have we not just celebrated the week of solidarity with, 'The Peoples of the Listed Territories?'

Are we Gibraltarians included in this solidarity event or are we not?



We are here because we fit that description.

Why do you turn a deaf ear to everything we Gibraltarians say?

If you continue to use Spain's terminology, describing us as the territory's population and not it's People, then, I submit you are in breach of the text of the Charter, the highest International Law.

In the first and second decades the seminar conclusions included the statement that the process of decolonisation would be incomplete, until all decolonisation issues were resolved in a satisfactory manner

Last year I complained about the reference to an agreement to hold 4 sided talks to replace the tripartite forum, and asked you to correct this, because it was not true.

My understanding is that you have said there are attempts to get in



accusations about us are false and an attempt to blacken our reputation

latest nation to compete in International football, finally overcoming
Spain's decade's long campaign, to keep us out.

