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Pacific regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: commitments and actions for decolonization in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

**Managua, Nicaragua
31 May to 2 June 2016**

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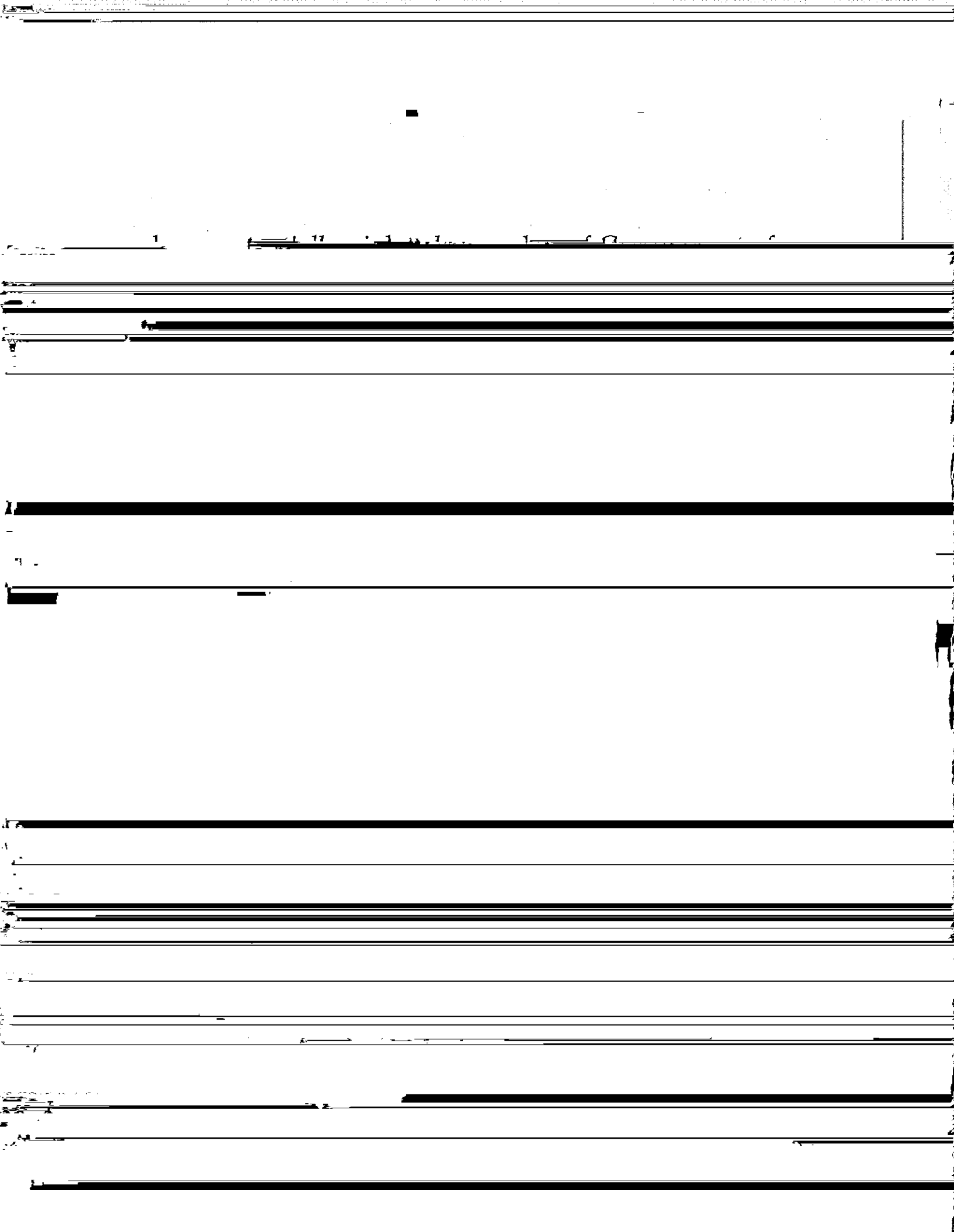
MR. EDWARD A. ALVAREZ

(GUAM)

Guam! I want to congratulate you on your chairmanship for the C24 Committee and wish you all the luck and success!

On March 31st as part of his Annual State of the Island

the fort. What more if another wall goes up? Will we
be considered Americans when we knock at the gate?



sign that our people can move ahead unified on this issue.

three political status task forces for Guam (Statehood

Chairman Carreño, last month, 800 high school students and community members gathered as the

but instead be the one who could show that they had the most significant effect on convincing people to choose their status between the pre and post polls. The pre-debate poll showed the audience clearly favoring Statehood, who out of approximately 800 people, received 51% of their votes. Free Association followed with 30% and Independence with 19%.

After the debate was over, the judges announced their



Chairman Carreño, at present, the island of Guam is