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THIRD INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM

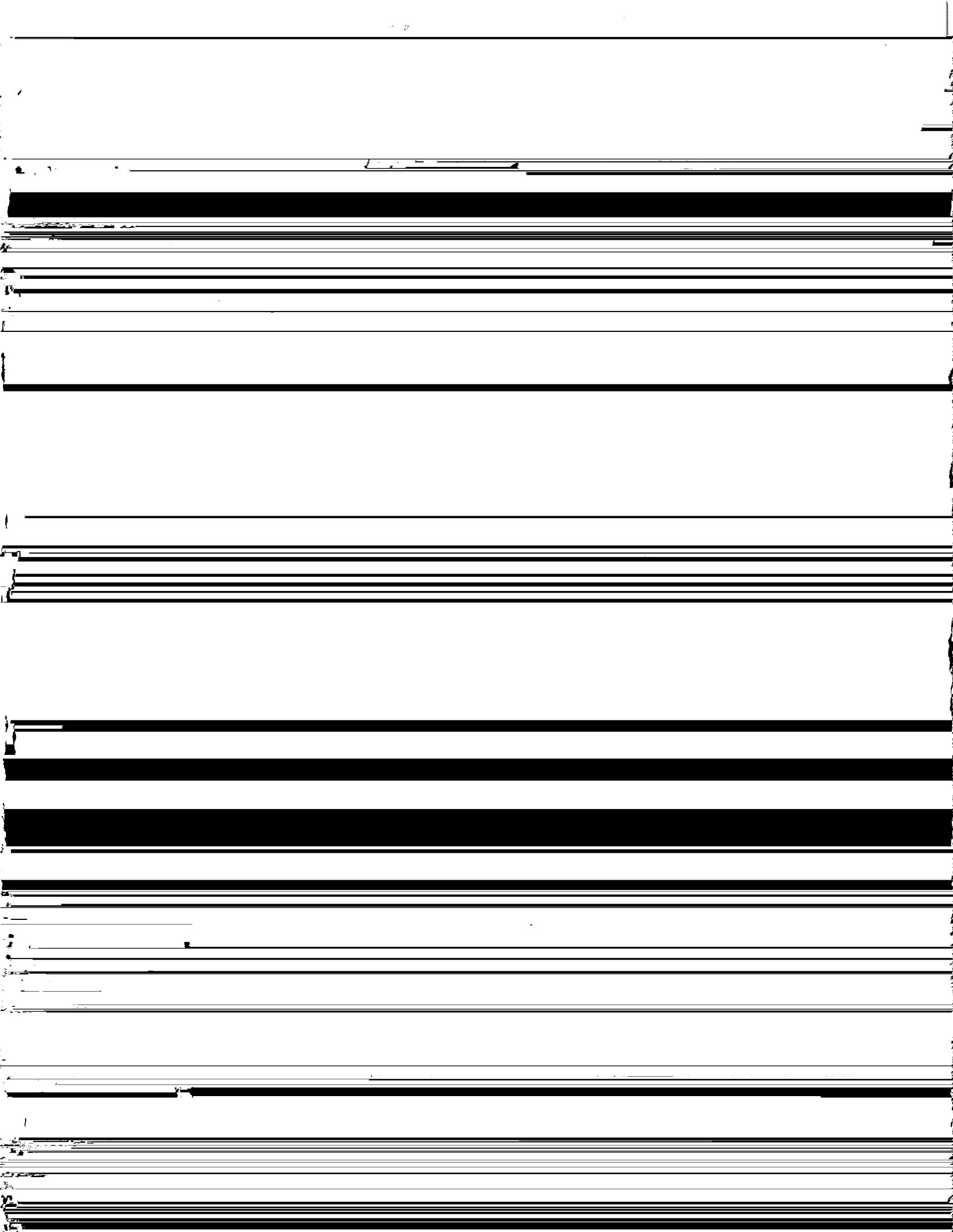
Pacific regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

MLA Roger Edwards Pre C24 Draft Speech, Grenada May 2018

to advance, or support, claims to the Falkland Islands, or any other territory - to do so is an abuse of this Committee's purpose.

Contrary to the views of some of this Committee, the Falkland Islanders do not consider themselves to be a colony but a prosperous, internally self-governing overseas territory of the United Kingdom with whom we enjoy a modern relationship and shared values.

I wish to further remind this committee that under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV) of 1960, people from the Non-Self-Governing Territories can exercise self-determination and reach full measure of Self-Government by Free Association, Independence, or Integration.



particularly pertaining to over flights and fisheries science, imposed by previous

administrations would be lifted and the Coast Guard's role in the area will

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and purposes and then to support our wishes to remain an Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom and to recognise our right to self-determination as is clearly defined in the various documents I have previously alluded to.

Once again Mr Chairman I thank you for allowing me to speak to this Committee.