

**Annex**

**Caribbean regional seminar on the implementation of the  
Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism**  
**1997-2000**

## **I. Introduction**

1. In its resolution 55/146 of 8 December 2000, the General Assembly declared the period 2001-2010 the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, and called upon Member States to redouble their efforts to implement the plan of action set out in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General (A/46/634/Rev.1 and Corr.1), updated where necessary, to serve as the plan of action for the Second Decade. The report of the Secretary-General on the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism (A/56/61) contains an updated plan of action.

2. In its resolution 63/110 of 5 December 2008, the General Assembly approved



### **III. Proceedings of the seminar**

#### **A. Opening of the seminar**

18. At its 5th meeting, on 14 May, the seminar held a general exchange of views on the way forward for the Special Committee, including priorities for the

(c) Welcomed the important role played by regional organizations and regional arrangements in assisting many Non-Self-Governing Territories in coping with various emerging challenges;

(d) Underscored the fact that education and public awareness remain crucial

**C. Challenges and opportunities in the process of decolonization of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the Pacific region and other Territories, including follow-up to the 2008 Pacific Regional Seminar**

27. As their concluding observations, participating members:

(b) Encouraged the United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their engagement with the







## **Appendix I**

### **List of participants**

#### **Members of the Special Committee**

**Administering Powers**

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (observer) Simon Hosking

United States of America (observer) Basil C. Ottley

**Permanent observer**

Holy See Rev. Simón Bolívar Sánchez Carrión  
Michael James

**Intergovernmental organizations**

African Union Ahmed Elobeid

**Non-Self-Governing Territories** 899(d)34.6988(S)-17.7983(i6917.8012(n)-117.804(a)-13.8011(e)-1iL T\*(U)-17.7

## **Appendix II**

### **Message from the Secretary-General**

It gives me great pleasure to convey my greetings to all who have gathered in St. Kitts and Nevis for the 2009 Caribbean Regional seminar on decolonization. I

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## Appendix III

### Opening statement by the Chair

I would like to welcome all participants to the 2009 United Nations Caribbean regional seminar on decolonization in Frigate Bay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, convened under the auspices of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

On behalf of the Special Committee, I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Government and people of Saint Kitts and Nevis for hosting the seminar.

We are delighted that this year's seminar is taking place in a country and region that have undertaken tireless efforts to eradicate colonialism, with a good measure of success.

Our host country, Saint Kitts and Nevis, along with other Caribbean States, has always played an active and much appreciated role in the work of the Special Committee.

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## Appendix IV



development of a strong regional identity and the strengthening of concrete functional cooperation in various areas of mutual interests.

We recognize the important role that the United Nations regional commissions such as ECLAC and other regional organizations such as CARICOM and the

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possibility of sending visiting missions to the Non-Self-Governing Territories, on a case-by-case basis and with the involvement of the relevant territorial Government and administering Power.

Indeed, enhanced interaction and cooperation between the Special Committee and the administering Powers remain crucial to the implementation of the United Nations decolonization mandate. This will be beneficial to all parties, particularly the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. In this context, we may need to explore the possibility of creating frameworks for talks, whether informal or formal in nature, bilateral or multi-stakeholders in nature, involving the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the administering Powers, and the Special Committee.

We had valuable discussions on the way forward, about which several ideas were presented. It is worth noting that, in any case, the underlying principle for the way forward is how to enhance the Special Committee's relevance to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Indeed, that is also the main purpose of this seminar: how to enhance the Special Committee's relevance to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. I believe it is fair for me to say that we have had productive discussions on this. I believe it is fair for me to conclude that we have managed to organize a comparatively more interactive seminar this year.

This is not the end, nevertheless. Members of the Special Committee who are participating at this seminar will need to provide the Special Committee with their conclusions and recommendations. Let us, members of the Special Committee who are participating at the seminar, make the most of this opportunity to come up with sound conclusions and recommendations.

## Appendix V

### **Resolution expressing appreciation to the Government and the people of Saint Christopher and**

*The participants in the Caribbean regional seminar,*

*Having met* from 12 to 14 May 2009 in Frigate Bay, Saint Christopher and Nevis, to consider the challenges and opportunities in the process of decolonization in today's world,

*Having heard* an important statement by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Security, Immigration and Foreign Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis,

*Taking note* of the important statements by the representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Express their profound gratitude* to the Government and the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis for providing the Special Committee with the necessary facilities for its seminar, for the outstanding contribution they