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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM



INTERNATIONAL TAX RELIEF-DEFERMENT ACTION

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TO

THE UNITED NATIONS
PACIFIC SEMINAR, BALI

Madam chair,

On behalf of Gibraltar, I wish to express my appreciation to the

Government of Gibraltar for hosting this seminar

They also hosted the 2008 regional seminar in Bangdun which I attended.
The core principles of the famous 1955 Bandung Conference were issues
of central importance to all participants especially self-determination and

That fragmentation started in 1700 with a war for the throne of Spain and ended in 1713 by Spain accepting the fragmentation they are complaining about in 2023.

At a recent seminar Spain said the recognition of self-determination in the Chagos Island was because the Chagossians were the native inhabitants.

In fact, the islands were populated first by slaves imported by France and then by contract workers brought in by British traders 100 years after the

Gilbert and Ellice Islands settled in Gibraltar

When captured by the Crusaders, its inhabitants were expelled to North

Africa, mostly Muslims and Jewish residents who had settled there for 750
years

The Muslim invasion from North Africa, had captured the area which

This is how flimsy the Spanish case is.

In many seminars the message from the Secretary General has been that the options open to the people of the listed territories must be explained to them.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Spain describes our frontier with them as a "fence" which they now want to see removed as part of the fluidity.

~~This fence is not the position under International Law. The sovereignty of~~

~~of the United States of America is not in question. The~~