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the Eradication of Colonialism: current realities and prospects

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STATEMENT

BY

UN Seminar Speech

Mr Chairman

In the name of the Government and people of Gibraltar I want to thank the Government of Ecuador for hosting this seminar.

I wish to remind delegates of the history of the process of decolonisation for my country at the UN.

~~Gibraltar was included in the list of colonies by UK its administration was on the list~~

The continued existence of the list is the reason for this seminar. This meeting takes place
that we can consider how the peoples of those countries still on your list can be assisted

in fulfilling the Charter requirement to exercise their self-determination. For as long as even
one country is left on the list, your task is not complete. Being on the list and having a legal
entitlement to self-determination is one and the same thing.

In 1964 all the elected leaders in Gibraltar declared that the soil of Gibraltar belonged to no-
one but the people of Gibraltar, that the people of Gibraltar did not wish to pass under the

744 at the time of the Kingdom of Gallaecia, a Celtic settlement of the Atlantic

Kingdom in the south of Iberia. A Celtic settlement.

Mossesius: North Africa invaded and conquered Gibraltar. Celtic did not exist

Let me therefore assure distinguished delegates that there is no more to be said on this

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the colonial relationship when offered what is probably the most generous offer ever made to any non-self governing territory by any administering power, to the credit of New Zealand.

I honestly believe that no progress can or will be made unless the Committee identifies the requirements that need to be achieved by each territory in what was always intended to be a progressive development from colonial rule to self-rule. This is a route which the Administering Powers are required by the Charter to encourage and report on, and which