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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished participants,
Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to express my delegation's appreciation to the government of Ecuador for graciously hosting the first Pacific Regional Seminar on the Eradication of Colonialism. On behalf of my delegation, I thank the government and the people of Ecuador for their warm hospitality since the first day we set foot on the charming coast. I also thank H.E. Ambassador Diego Morejon-Pacheco for his leadership in assuming the Chairmanship. Last but not least, our appreciation goes to the Secretariat for the excellent organization of the Seminar.

Mr. Chairman,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

My dear friend, the distinguished representative of Sierra Leone, yesterday on the lack of presence of 24 member states at the Regional Seminar. While I can understand the reasons of member states this year, there is a higher rate of attendance, not only at the Seminar but also in the Regional Seminar.

My colleague from Sierra Leone has put forth suggestions that member states back in the discussion with the experts, and international organizations. It is important, however, to acknowledge the fact that the frustration that there has been little progress on the decolonization agenda in the past few years. A Committee was adopted the second Plan of Action for the Committee's works in the Third Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism. And today, sixteen territories remain on the list.

We would therefore, like to reiterate our call to expedite the decolonization process. The Chairman of the Seminar, that it is time to make new innovative approaches. The Plan of Action has called for the assessment on the implementation of the Plan of Action, and to objectively assess its progress, and to objectively assess what has been done to address those issues. The representatives of the Territories, as well as the experts, delivered their contribution to the assessment making

On the other hand, using a pragmatic approach

to the government of Ecuador for the Third Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism. I would like to convey our gratitude to the government of Ecuador for the hospitality extended to all delegates, and I also take this opportunity to thank the Secretariat for leading the Committee since its inception. Our appreciation goes to the Bureau of the Secretariat for the excellent organization of the Committee's works,

Mr. Leone, made a correct observation of the Special Committee. There is a comparably larger number of member states at the Committee, but also in the Regional Seminar.

It is important to have proposals on how to have the Non Self-Governing Territories by UN agencies. It is also important that the enthusiasm might have led to the implementation of the UN Plan of Action since the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, which is still used in the list.

We would like to seek ways and measures to be implemented in the beginning of the Decade. It is important that its member states to make an assessment, so as to have a better understanding of the factors and what needs to be done by the representatives of the Regional Seminar, may give

recognition to the fact that the

solution and answer to the question of each Non-Self Governing Territory does not follow the principle of "one size fits all". The process of delisting should therefore be carried forward on the case-by-case basis. To this end, political will and active participation of all concerned parties, including the Administering Powers, play a great role.

Mr. Chairman,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The Plan of Action has also made an emphasis on the role of the Administering Powers in advancing the United Nations decolonization agenda. While a few Administering Powers have been partaking in the discussions and dialogues with respect to decolonization, and by actually set an exemplary case as demonstrated by New Zealand and Tokelau, it is indisputable that in most cases there is a visible lack of participation of the Administering Powers in the process.

Having said this, my delegation would like to support the Chair's suggestions on some possible modalities to engage the Administering Powers, including the brainstorming sessions and an informal dialogue between Committee members and representatives of Administering Powers in New York, focusing on a few specific issues.

As insinuated above, the keyword in all questions in the UN decolonization agenda is dialogue. In this regard, we would like to underscore the importance of all concerned parties to make use of the relevant UN forums or to foster bilateral dialogues to find a common ground to move forward, and reach an agreement.

Mr. Chairman,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Some of the proposals made by the Chair, delegates, and representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, such as sending UN visiting missions to the Territories and publishing information on the UN decolonization agenda – particularly the three options available for the peoples of the Territories – will require adequate funding and good cooperation with related UN bodies and main committees. In view of the UN's budget situation, it is important for the Committee to find innovative ways to address the budget issue, including by engaging the relevant UN agencies and/or other international and regional organizations.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of my delegation, I would like to reiterate Indonesia's commitment and full support to you and to the Committee in fulfilling its mandate in the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.