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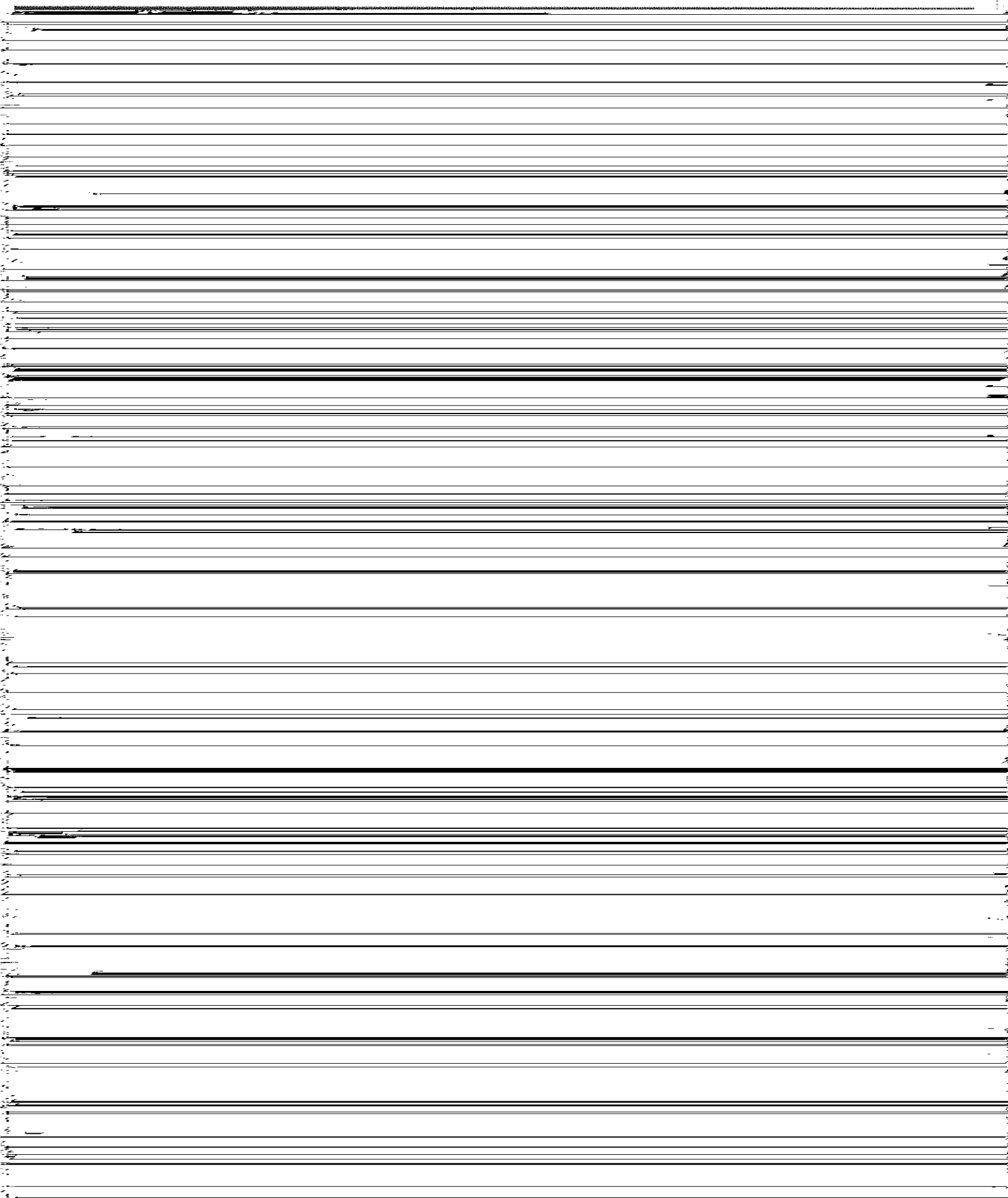
**THIRD INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM**

**Caribbean regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International  
Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: the future for decolonization in  
the Non Self-Governing Territories: what are the prospects?**

**Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
16 to 18 May 2017**

**STATEMENT BY**

**THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SIERRA LEONE**



**Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished participants,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

~~Permit me to express my delegation's appreciation for the manner in which you have~~

continued to run the affairs of the Committee. I also wish to add that your re-election as Chair of the Committee is one that is commendable, considering the concomitant implications of what the job which is to ensure due diligence to the activities of the Committee.

~~Permit me also to express my delegation's sincere thanks and appreciation through you~~

However, we would like to restate one of our long held views earlier expressed that an action oriented Plan of Action with clear benchmarks could serve as a guide to the Committee in making its work more effective during this decade. It should no longer be business as usual Mr. Chairman. We MUST, explore every avenue humanly possible to mobilize the political Will needed to eradicate colonialism.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The Secretary-General's Report to the Security Council dated 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 among other things is requesting for information on the situation on the ground, the status and progress of political negotiations on all Non-Self Governing Territories. The primary work, in our view, should be done by us as a Committee in order to help the Secretary-