

Annex II

Caribbean regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: first quarter review of developments and trends, held in Quito from 28 to 30 May 2013

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution [65/119](#), the General Assembly declared the period 2011-2020 the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, and called upon Member States to intensify th .0.399219/

as well as experts took part (see appendix II). The seminar was organized in such a

12. Also at the same meeting, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Quito, read out a message from the Secretary-General (see appendix I).

B. Statements and discussion^b

13. At the 1st meeting, on 28 May, the Chair made a statement. The

21. At the same meeting, the participants adopted by acclamation a draft resolution expressing appreciation to the Government and the people of Ecuador (see appendix III).

22. Also at the same meeting, the Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs of Ecuador, Mauricio Montalvo, made closing remarks. The Chairman of the Special Committee also made a closing statement.

IV. Conclusions and recommendations

23. Members of the Special Committee participating in the seminar recalled the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and the role of the Special Committee to examine the application of the Declaration, to make suggestions and recommendations on the progress in and extent of the implementation of the Declaration, and to report to the General Assembly.

24. Participating members reaffirmed the continuing relevance of the conclusions and recommendations of the previous seminars.

25. In addition, pursuant to rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the seminar (

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(b) Noted with appreciation the engagement of the Guam Commission on Decolonization in reinforcing the public awareness,

(m) Expressed their appreciation for the statement made by the Ulu-o-

resolutions of the United Nations and requested the Secretary-General to continue his mission of good offices in compliance with the General Assembly and Special Committee resolutions on that question;

With regard to the situation in Gibraltar:

(c) Noted that, owing to certain difficulties, there have not been meetings of the Forum for Dialogue and acknowledged that Spain has proposed a new regional cooperation framework in which different topics are addressed by the competent authorities.

E. Role of the United Nations system in providing assistance to the Non-Self-Governing Territories

30. As their concluding observations, participating members:

(a) Encouraged the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nati

- (d) Reaffirmed the role of the Special Committee as the primary vehicle for

administering Powers, particularly those which have not done so, needed to engage effectively with the Special Committee;

(l) In this connection, underlined the crucial importance of enhancing communication and cooperation between the Special Committee and the

(s) Reiterated that the Special Committee needed to continue working towards sending visiting missions to the Non-Self-Governing Territories, with the involvement of the relevant territorial Government and administering Power, on a

Appendix I

Message of the Secretary-General to the Caribbean regional seminar on implementation of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: first quarter review of developments and trends

I am happy to greet the participants in this Carib

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List of Participants

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Appendix III

Resolution expressing appreciation to the Government and the people of Ecuador

The participants in the Caribbean regional seminar,

Having met from 28 to 30 May 2013, in Quito, to consider the challenges and opportunities in the process of decolonization in today's world,

Having heard an important statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Integration of Ecuador,

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

Express their profound gratitude to the Government and people of Ecuador for providing the Special Committee with the necessary facilities for its seminar, for the outstanding contribution they have made to the success of the seminar and, in particular, for the very generous and kind hospitality and the warm and cordial reception accorded to the participants throughout their stay in Ecuador.

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