

(h) Took into account General Assembly resolution 1803 (XVII) regarding

accordance with General Assembly resolution [71/122](#) and all other relevant resolutions, and in this connection welcomed the participation of France in the seminar and encouraged other administering Powers to participate in future regional seminars on decolonization;

(s) Recognized the importance of the active engagement of other States Members of the United Nations which are not members of the Special Committee in the work of the Committee, and in that connection welcomed the participation of Algeria, Argentina, Morocco, Spain and Zimbabwe in the seminar.

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Caledonia, in particular for permitting the first visiting mission of the Special Committee in 2014;

(b) Noted the statement by the representative of the administering Power that her Government was examining the proposal of the Special Committee to dispatch a visiting mission to New Caledonia in 2017, also noted the view expressed by the representative, who said that there was no objection in principle to such a mission, and expressed the hope that New Caledonia would not be the only Territory to be visited by the Committee and that the visit could be useful for the ongoing process of self-determination in New Caledonia for the preparation of the referendum;

(c) Also noted the information provided by the experts that over 20,000 Kanak people were not yet registered in the electoral list for the referendum, which undermined its credibility and transparency, that the access to truth and justice regarding the case of pro-independence leaders who had been killed in the past was limited and that the marginalized and manipulated youth was a source of insecurity in New Caledonia;

(d) Further noted the information provided by the representative of the Melanesian Spearhead Group that the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group had conducted a mission to New Caledonia from 24 to 28 April 2017 to assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nouméa Accord, during which the Foreign Ministers had raised concerns regarding the registration of eligible voters among all Kanaks, and called upon the United Nations to conduct a mission to the Territory before the referendum in 2018;

(e) Reaffirmed General Assembly resolution [71/119](#), in which the Assembly reaffirmed that in the absence of a decision by the Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, the administering Power concerned

D. 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 in the other regions?, including follow-up to the 2016 Pacific regional seminar

23. As their concluding observations, the participating members of the Special Committee:

With regard to the situation in the Falkland Islands (Malvinas):

Appendix I

Message of the Secretary-General to the Caribbean regional seminar

Delivered the officer-in-charge of the Decolonization Unit of the Department of Political Affairs

It is a pleasure to greet the 2017 Caribbean regional seminar on decolonization, organized on the occasion of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Since its establishment by the General Assembly, the Special Committee has played an important role in advancing the decolonization agenda.

The work ahead is a reminder that we all have contributions to make. Upholding the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and all relevant resolutions is our collective responsibility.

Cooperation is essential to bringing about the effective and complete implementation of the Declaration as we approach the end of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

In that spirit, I wish to again reaffirm my commitment to the decolonization agenda.

I thank the Government and the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for hosting this event for the third time since the establishment of the Special Committee. Please accept my best wishes for a successful seminar.

Appendix II

List of participants

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Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (Chair)	Rafael Darío Ramírez Carreño ¹ Douglas Nicomedes Arcia Vivas ¹ Yumaira Rodríguez Martha Finol Lorena Maitchoukow
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Côte d'Ivoire	François Xavier Zabavy
Cuba	Ana Silvia Rodríguez Abascal ¹
Dominica	Hubert Charles
Ecuador	Horacio Sevilla Borja ¹
Grenada	Alva J. Browne Michael Mitchell
Indonesia	Dian Triansyah Djani Indah Nuria Savitri ¹
Papua New Guinea	Peter Bonny
Russian Federation	Stanislav Aleksaev ¹
Saint Lucia	Fercinta Louisy
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Ghislaine Williams
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Nedra Miguel Oslyn Porter
Sierra Leone	Felix Alie Koroma ¹ Franklyn Brima Fawundu
Timor-Leste	Maria Helena Lopes de Jesus Pires ¹

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Omar Hilale

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Khaddad El Moussaoui

Mostafa Mouahhidi

Omar Kadiri

Funds and programmes of the United Nations system

United Nations Children's Fund	Muriel Mafico
United Nations Development Programme	Stephen O'Malley

Organizations of the United Nations system

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	Dale Alexander
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Regional organizations

Melanesian Spearhead Group	Fe'iloakitau Kaho Tevi
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Experts

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Sergei Cherniavsky

Carlyle Corbin

Mikaël Forrest

Stéphanie Graff

Wilma Reveron-Collazo

Appendix III

Resolution expressing appreciation to the Government and the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The participants in the Caribbean regional seminar,

Having met in Kingstown from 16 to 18 May 2017 to consider the challenges and opportunities in the process of decolonization in today's world,

Having heard an important statement at the opening of the seminar by the Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Ralph E. Gonsalves,

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

Express their profound appreciation to the Government and the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for their role in the process of decolonization and their contribution to the work of the Special Committee on Decolonization.