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for the Eradication of Colonialism: challenges and opportunities in the process of
decolonization in today's world

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A pleasant good afternoon Mr. Chairman delegates to the Special Committee, ladies and gentlemen. It is indeed an honour and privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) PWR for the ECC Dr Gina Watson.

First, I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the organizers of this seminar for extending an invitation to our organization. I am also appreciative and humbled by the extensive and in-depth work and reports shared by the presenters on the De Colonization process.

At this point, I would like to document PAHO's continued Commitment to countries of the Eastern Caribbean through our Biennium Program Budget. This Budget affords countries of the ECC continued Technical Assistance to develop their health infrastructure. Areas of focus/funding include Communicable Disease, Non Communicable Disease, Health System, Family Health inclusive of health of the elderly, male health, Mental Health, Epidemiology and Fellowship to mention the main areas. It is my organization hope that through our Technical Cooperation Program, the Quality of life of the peoples of the countries we serve would improve, and by so doing contribute to pushing the De Colonization agenda forward.

I once again wish to congratulate the Committee for choosing to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the de colonization process. This is so relevant as many of our countries are faced with the threat posed to our economies by the global economic crises and the impact it can have on the process of decolonization cannot be taken lightly.

As we approach the end of the Second Decade for the eradication of Colonialism, I wish to encourage all countries to work together, share best practices and solutions as it pertains to the goal of this seminar. I therefore wish this seminar all success. I Thank You

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