

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
CARIBBEAN REGIONAL SEMINAR 2017
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, MAY 16 - 18, 2017

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished colleagues,

Allow me to begin by thanking the Government and the people of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, for hosting this important meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Chair, Ambassador Ramirez, and his team, as well as the other C-24 Bureau Members, the elected officers of the Seminar, Secretariat and the Decolonization Unit of UN DPA as well as others for the hard work and excellent preparation of the seminar.

My delegation would like to thank the panelists for their presentations given yesterday and today. Indeed we take note of those presentations and are interested to further examine some of the proposals put forward in the course of the last two days. We trust that the participation of Member States as well as representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, experts, UN agencies as well as other relevant stakeholders will contribute further to the discussion on this pertinent issue.

Mr. Chairman,

The Committee, through its persistent works, has indeed shown tireless efforts and provided valuable contribution in supporting the decolonization process, with all its sensitivity and political dynamics, to territories listed. As clearly stipulated in the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, the fulfillment of this objective is indeed part of the mandate of the Committee as well as our common endeavors, which requires constructive engagement, sustained efforts, and political will, in accordance with the UN Charter and relevant UN resolutions.

Nevertheless, we need to continue our rigorous efforts in pursuing the Committee's mandates and my delegation encourages the discussion on possible measures in a pragmatic and realistic manner, on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with prevailing rules of procedures and established practices.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would also like to reiterate the need for the Committee to continue to undertake a careful, balanced, and thorough assessment of the particular condition and situation in each of the seventeen Non-Self-Governing Territories. As of today, 17 territories remain on the list of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. It has been repeatedly stated in previous regional seminars as well as the C-24 meeting, that the solution to the question of each territory does not, and cannot, follow the principle of “one size fits all”. The process of delisting needs to be carried forward on a case-by-case basis.

Therefore, the latest information and development of the Non-Self-Governing Territories should be carefully and comprehensively observed. This Seminar will be the ideal avenues to pursue this goal.

Mr. Chairman,

Along the same line, my delegation would also like to tirelessly restate its view that the Committee should continue to engage the administering Powers and the relevant stakeholders as well as to involve them in the Committee’s efforts, including in this Seminar.

The mutual understanding and consent between the Special Committee and the Administering Powers is a prerequisite to take further steps and move the process along.

Undoubtedly, the Committee will benefit more from a strengthened communication and consultation process between the two and accordingly, my delegation would like to reiterate Indonesia’s unremitting support to this Committee in this regard.

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Finally, **Mr. Chairman**, I would like to reiterate Indonesia's commitment to continue its contributions to the works of the Committee and we look forward to a fruitful discussion during the course of our Seminar.

I thank you.

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Mr. Chairman,

In response to the presentation made earlier by representative of the Melanesian Spearhead Group, my delegation strongly rejects any attempts to politicize issues which are not part of the agenda nor the mandate of this Special Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would also like to point out that as the associate member of the MSG, we respect the national position of the MSG members and their exclusive interests. However, ensuring the good relations among States is the noble mandate of the Organization, as also reflected in many international and regional organizations, including in the MSG.

In addition, Indonesia is one of the countries that places constructive engagement with other sovereign country and other relevant stakeholders as its first and foremost diplomatic approach, the same spirit that my delegation brings and continues to resonate within the work of the Committee.

Along the same line, **Mr. Chairman**, it is paramount to underline, or rather remind all us, that the Committee's mandates are limited and those mandates are clearly stipulated in the relevant UNGA resolution with regards to the establishment of the Committee. Its works are also based on the principles of the UN Charter and its Rules of Procedures.

Consequently, Mr. Chairman, we are discussing 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories and Puerto Rico, and we should hence confine and focus our dialogues and our works **only** on those territories. This Seminar should serve as one of the useful venues for us to have in-depth and inclusive discussions regarding the recent progress as well as challenges faced by the NSGTs formally listed and cannot be misused on unchartered issues this Special Committee has no mandate on.

Therefore and again, Mr. Chairman, we reject any politicization of the issue that falls **outside** the purview of this august Committee.

It is also important to underline that as we continue our internal dialogue and efforts in ensuring the continuing development and progress in all part of Indonesia, including Papua and West Papua provinces, all the efforts should be taken within the framework of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia.

Finally, **Mr. Chairman**, I would like to reiterate Indonesia's commitment to continue its contributions and constructive engagement to the works of the Committee.

I thank you.

POINT OF ORDER

DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Point of order, Mr. Chairman,

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My delegation would like to submit its **strong objection** regarding the inclusion of a certain individual, not listed in the list of participant, during the opening of the Seminar.

We deeply regret that the Government of host country decided to include this particular person in question at the opening of the Seminar.

We would like to reaffirm that such practice should not create a precedent in the work of the committee in the future. Any invitees in the future should be properly discussed in the Bureau.

The attendance of this certain individual must be officially regarded as a bilateral interest of the host country, and the Committee must therefore not record it in anyway the presence of any individual who are not relevant to the work, mandate or purview of this Committee.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.