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

**Caribbean regional seminar on the implementation of the Fourth  
International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism:  
pursuing goals and addressing needs of  
the Non-Self-Governing Territories**

**Caracas, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)  
14 to 16 May 2024**

**CLOSING STATEMENT**

**BY THE CHAIR OF**

**THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24**

**Special Committee on the Situation with regard  
to the Implementation of the Declaration on the  
Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries  
and Peoples**

**2024 Caribbean regional seminar**

**Elements for the closing statement by**

**Her Excellency Ms. Menissa Rambally**

**Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the  
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial**

Caracas, 16 May 2024

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the government and people of Venezuela for hosting this seminar in Caracas.

Your hospitality has contributed to the success of this event. So, I just wanted to say thank you for making this all possible.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the many participants in this seminar whose discussions and engagement made this a successful and informative seminar.

The contributions of all participants are what these seminars are all about, and I just wanted to say thank you for creating an environment that encourages such constructive dialogue.

We must not forget that the goals and needs of the Non-Self-Governing Territories are the central object and focus of our work, guided by all relevant General Assembly resolutions.

Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

As we close this seminar, it is essential to remember the very significance of these seminars.

We hold this seminar in the framework and annual observance of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

These discussions help the Special Committee to better understand, on a case-by-case basis, the situations faced by the Non-Self-Governing Territories, in accordance with all relevant resolutions.

The exchange of views, experiences and ideas is what makes these seminars so important for the Committee and the Territories under its purview.

The seminar we have just held is a reminder of the importance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee and of how continuous dialogue among all stakeholders can guide its work.

I would like to reiterate our concerns about the evolving situation in New Caledonia and the call on all parties to exercise maximum restraint, prevent violence and preserve peace.

Dialogue remains key in this regard. For its part, the Special Committee on Decolonization will continue to assist New Caledonia in its decolonization process.

Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank the interpreters for their excellent work and professionalism. I would also like to thank all staff in the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management; the Decolonization Unit of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs; the Department of Global Communication, the staff of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, sound technicians and others present in this room for their contributions to the success of the seminar.

Thank you.