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

**Pacific regional seminar on the implementation of the Fourth International  
Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism:  
innovative steps to ensure the attainment of the Sustainable Development  
Goals in the Non-Self-Governing Territories**

**Bali, Indonesia  
24 to 26 May 2023**

**STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF**

**SIERRA LEONE**



**THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS**

**STATEMENT**

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OF SIERRA LEONE TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**AT THE**

**PACIFIC REGIONAL SEMINAR OF C-24, FROM 24-26 MAY, 2023 IN  
BALI, INDONESIA**

**Madam Chair,  
Excellencies  
Distinguished delegates**

Allow me at the outset, to commend you, Madam.  
Chair, and the other bureau members for the

excellent job you have been doing ever since you became the chair of this committee. I equally thank your predecessor for her sterling leadership and guidance in ensuring the successful completion of the Committee's work in the midst of challenges posed by the covid-19 pandemic during the last session. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Secretary General for his sustained support to our work and takes note of his reports on various agenda items.

**Madam Chair,**

My delegation notes with appreciation the hospitality provided to us by the government of Indonesia, and I take this opportunity to convey the profound appreciation of Sierra Leone for hosting the C-24 Pacific Regional Seminar in this beautiful city of Bali, and placing the ambience of the Laguna resort to our disposal.

We acknowledge the support from Member States and the Secretariat in making this seminar a success.

My delegation remains firmly committed to the successful implementation of resolution 1514 and will continue to encourage frank and constructive

discussions on several matters concerning the peoples of the NSGTs. To that effect, Sierra Leone wishes to underscore relevance of the theme of the 2023 Seminar, which is: “Innovative steps to ensure the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Non-Self-Governing Territories”. In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, the need to discuss creative measures to attain the SDGs in the Non-self-Governing Territories, cannot be overemphasized. We encourage the Governing Authorities to work with the C-24 and the people in their respective territories to achieve the SDGs.

We should continue to review progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of colonialism and this can be achieved through the exchange of views and dissemination of information.

**Madam. Chair,**

We have always upheld the view that the situation of each of the NSGTs should be handled on a case-by-case-basis as prescribed by the relevant resolutions.

There is need for closer collaboration with the Administering Powers. We need to encourage them to

continue to cater for the health, economic, education and other development needs in their respective territories.

I thank you.