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STATEMENT

BY THE REPRESENTATIVE

OF SPAIN

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me begin by warmly congratulating our Chairman on his re-election. I wish him the best for a successful term in office and offer him the full support of my country in his efforts.

One more year, I am pleased to address the participants in the Regional Seminar on behalf of my Government. Following the calls by the General Assembly on all

Consequently, the applicability of the principle of self-determination to the inhabitants of Gibraltar is not only limited by other principles and rights of the UN Charter

My Government is also opposed to any attempt to see Gibraltar removed from

the Delegates of the fact that the United Nations General Assembly is the only body than can take the decision of removing a non-self-governing territory from this list.

For all these reasons, the Spanish Permanent Representative took part in the Special Committee and in the Fourth Committee, on 18th June and 7th October 2008, respectively, expressing the Spanish Government's will of fulfilling the United Nations' mandate of decolonizing Gibraltar by means of a negotiation between the United Kingdom and Spain.

Therefore, as my Permanent Representative did back in June and October 1

Turning to another subject, I would like to comment on the latest developments in the Forum for Dialogue on Gibraltar. As it has been already said on several occasions before the Special Committee and the Fourth Committee, Spain continues to be fully committed to this process, which was established in October 2004.

The agreements achieved in these meetings are being implemented and this should contribute to creating such favorable conditions that will allow us to successfully resolve the questions of sovereignty separately, at an appropriate time, in the Brussels Process.