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Pacific regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International Decade for  
the Eradication of Colonialism: accelerating action

Denarau, Nadi, Fiji  
21 to 23 May 2014

WELCOME STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR

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

Opening Ceremony  
21 May 2014  
10:00 a.m.

**2014 Pacific Regional Seminar**

Brief for the Chair

H.E. Ambassador Xavier Lasso Mendoza (Ecuador)

RESPONSE TO MOST HONOURABLE MEMBERS

BY

H. E. PRIME MINISTER FRANK BAINIMARAMA

Your Excellency,

cause of decolonization in general. On a light-hearted note, we can all agree that Fiji is indeed the "host with the most". I have no doubt that we will all have a great time working here.

This Seminar, as you know, is organized pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/119 of 10 December 2010, by which the Assembly declared the period 2011-2020 the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

This is the fourth seminar being held in this context and is the first to be held in Fiji.

the opportunity to reinforce efforts in executing the mandate entrusted to us by the General Assembly, which is to monitor the implementation of the United Nations

making all of us feel welcome and at home in your wonderful country. On behalf of all C24 delegates and other seminar participants, I say to the Government and people of Fiji, a big VINAKA!