

TOKELAU

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Pacific Regional Seminar on the implementation of the 3rd International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: accelerating action.

NADI, FIJI 21-23 May, 2014 Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency Ambassador Mr Xavier Lasso Mendoza Rapporteur and distinguished Members of this Seminar, Ulu of Tokelau Aliki Faipule Kuresa Nasau.

On behalf of New Zealand, in its capacity as administering power for Tokelau. Lhave the bopour to participate in this Country.

New Zealand expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Fiji for hosting this valuable seminar – we are very pleased that it is being hosted in the Pacific given the number of important issues on the Council's agenda that are currently taking place on the Council..

We are pleased to have the opportunity to hear about the spectrum of challenges being faced on the decolonisation agenda, which in the last year has achieved particular prominence, particularly in our region and present New Zealand's views on the question of Table

New Zealand continues to welcome the interest of the UN and the C24 in Tokelau. New Zealand particularly appreciates the close partnership we maintain with the Committee through its Pacific members. Pagua New



In addition, NZ is supporting Tokelau with safe ship to shore

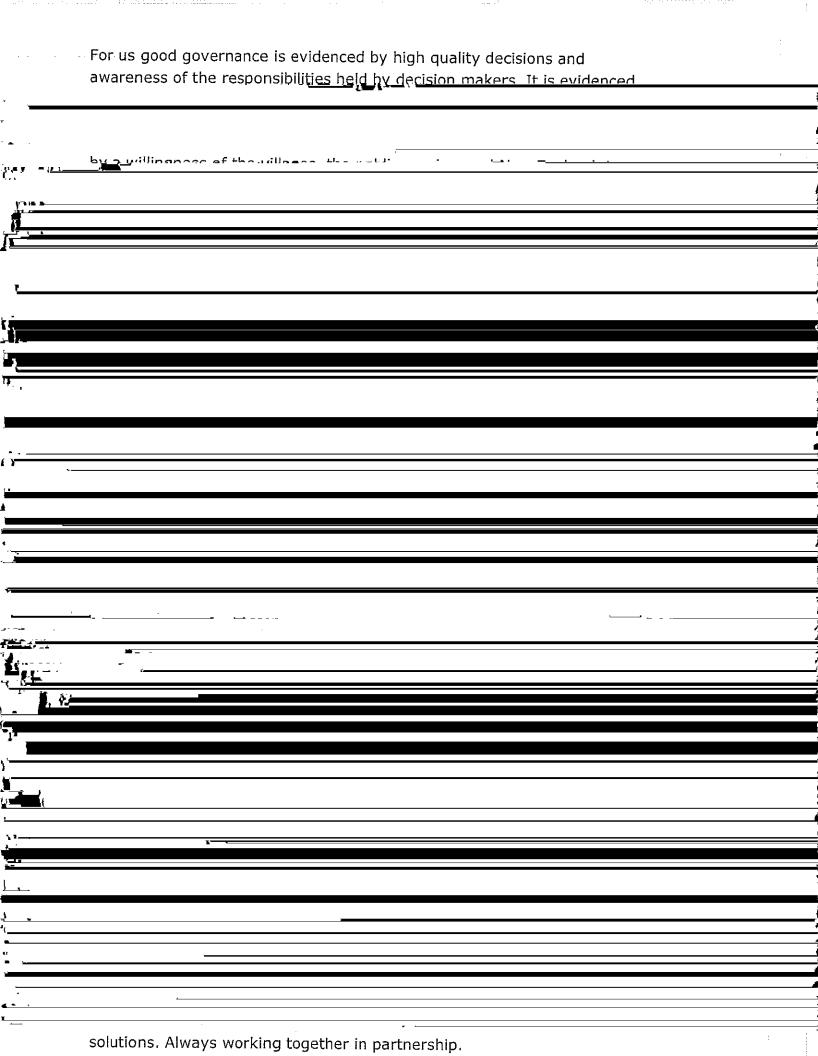
infractructure, including new barges to bring passeongers and carge to

shore, and upgrades to wharf areas.

We are pleased that Tokelau recently agreed to undertake a review of transport operations with a view to maximising efficiency, and ensuring value for money services. We have also reached agreement with Tokelau that the technical ship management functions of the new ship will be contracted out. This will ensure the safety of passengers, and longevity of the vessel.

Mr Chairman

Education has been a key focus area of our engagement with Tokelau



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