



Special Committee in advancing the decolonisation agenda in accordance with the 3, Charter and relevant resolutions of the United Nations was reaffirmed.

During this year's seminar included a number of concrete proposals for implementation, with a view to helping the Special Committee in the fulfilment of its mandate. These proposals touched upon various aspects of the work of the Committee such as visiting missions, dissemination of information, political education programmes, implementation of the 2070 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the role of the 3, specialised agencies and funds and programmes. The proposals made here will, without any doubt, enrich the discussions and decisions of the Special Committee and reinforce its work.

Excellencies,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am confident that this regional seminar will help the Special Committee ascertain the steps and concrete measures needed to advance the decolonisation process, on a case-by-case basis, and in close cooperation with the administering Powers, the Territories and all relevant stakeholders.

In concluding, I would like to reiterate the gratitude and deep appreciation of the Special Committee to the Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for the warm hospitality extended to the participants in this event (I should like to particularly thank Honorable Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, for personally opening this seminar).

I should also like to express appreciation to all of you for contributing to the success of the seminar. In particular, I want to thank the outstanding work of the interpreters who have facilitated our exchanges in the last three days. Similarly, I would like to thank the decolonisation unit of the Department of Political Affairs/ the Secretary of the Special Committee and her team in the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management/ and the Department of Public Information for their contributions in connection with organising the seminar.

I hereby declare the 2017 Caribbean regional seminar on decolonisation closed.

Thank you.

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