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**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**

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Madam Chair, Distinguished Members of this Committee, Honoured Guests.

It's an honour to speak to this forum and congratulations to you on your election to the Chair of this

It's a pleasure to be here and to visit such a beautiful island and I would add my thanks

I would like to thank the Government and the people of Bali in particular for their hospitality

the islands; it's not even sophisticated and is costing a huge amount of money at a time when so many are struggling.

Madam Chair, if this committee wishes to be seen less as a talk shop, and restore some credibility, then when a territory on the list of 17 invites a delegation to visit - to look, to listen, and to learn - then they should go! And maybe understand that the world has changed since 2005, and who in this

Madam Chair I thank you and this Committee for allowing a Falkland Islander to speak to this Forum.