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THIRD INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM

Caribbean regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International Decade

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to start by warmly thanking and congratulating the Government of Ecuador for hosting for the second consecutive year this important Seminar of the C-24 on "the Implementation of the third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism".

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excellent manner in which you are conducting our deliberations and to reiterate our

Countries and Peoples through the exercise of the right to self-determination and independence by the populations of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories".

At the same time, the Commission has also been informed that the

Mr. Chairman,

While today it has become fashionable to speak about a political solution that is mutually acceptable in the context of the negotiation process triggered by the Security resolution 1754 (2007) between the two parties Morocco and Frente Polisario, some tend to overlook the principle of self-determination by making the error of trying to determine unilaterally the future of the people of Western Sahara without consulting them in a genuine way.

This assumption is totally false. In all its resolutions, including the most recent one 2099 (2013) adopted on 25 April 2013, the Security Council reaffirmed its

commitment to the right to self-determination of the people of Western Sahara by
~~expressing its attachment to "a just solution"~~