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**THIRD INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM**  
**Caribbean regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International**

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, Ladies and Gentlemen: *Talofa*

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We think that Chapter XI of the United Nations Charter, when discussing the development of self-government

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State of the Territory Address. Although the measure was ultimately defeated

political status and future.

The next steps will require continued serious dialogue among all the people of American Samoa. Addressing the role of Congress in approving changes to our Constitution, which will require an act of Congress, shouldn't be undertaken until we engage in serious discussions about our future.

Our choices are varied, and profound: (i) maintain the status quo, which causes us continuing concern due to the future uncertainties outlined above; (ii) consider an Organic Act like Guam and the Virgin Islands, which