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Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: the United Nations at 70: taking  
stock of the decolonization agenda**

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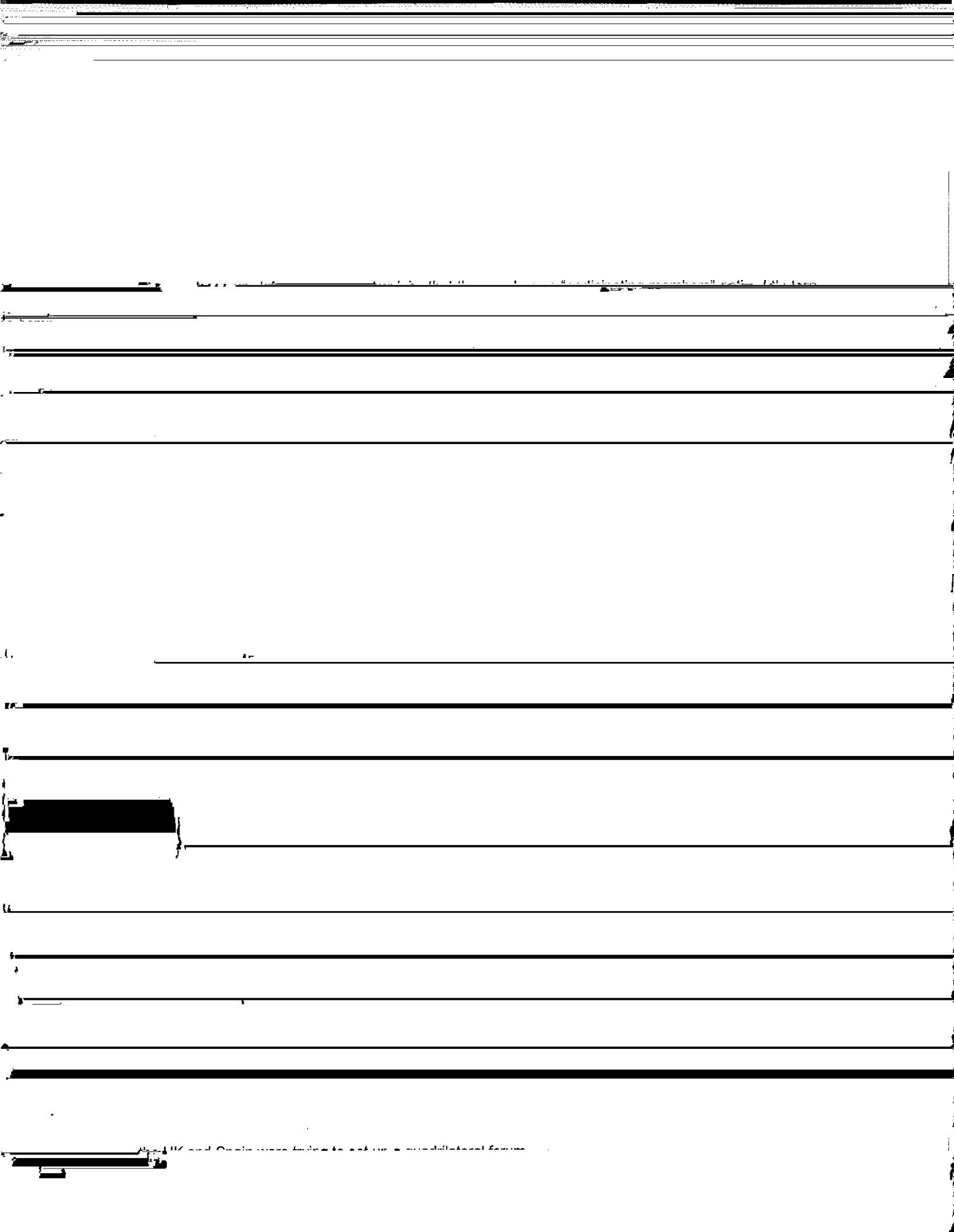
## GIBRALTAR STATEMENT

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Mr Chairman, distinguished members of the C24, before I proceed with my statement on the question of Gibraltar there is something I wish to say about last year's seminar.

In Fiji only two participants spoke on Gibraltar. The representative of Spain and myself.

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... and Oniz were being to set up a multilateral forum

Is it not the case, distinguished delegates, that Article 73b requires UK to develop self-government in Gibraltar taking due account of its people's aspirations?

Spain believes there is a conflict between a 1713 treaty and Charter 11, and then argues that the

1713 Treaty has to prevail. I ask you Mr Chairman how can anyone in the UN system possibly justify supporting the Spanish position.

We believe there is no such conflict, but if there were international law is clear, the Charter prevails.

In 1992 as Chief Minister I appeared before the committee in New York against the wishes of the administering power.

because it has already happened. You know I have disagreed with this view when I addressed you from the Opposition and Government

It gets worse. You claim we believe that the UN delisting and decolonisation criteria are anachronistic.

Not true. UK says it, not us.

recognised and the settlers being disenfranchised.

When the ... in 1800 ...

period of Spanish rule of 316 years compared to 202 in our case. If we look at other territories, is it not

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Charter of the United Nations, Chapter VII, Article 41, paragraph 1