

(c) How to ensure, on a case-by-

17. At the 4th meeting, on 20 May, statements were made by five experts on the situation of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the Pacific region, following which the status of other Non-Self-Governing Territories in other regions was addressed, beginning with a presentation by Phyllis Rendell (Falkland Islands (Malvinas)).

32. As their concluding observations, the participating members of the Special Committee:

(a) Welcomed and encouraged the participation of the representative of the territorial Government and the expert of the Turks and Caicos Islands and the information they provided to the seminar, as well as the participation of the expert and civil society representative from Puerto Rico, who shared views on the process of decolonization in the Caribbean region, in particular on the application of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

With regard to the situation in Puerto Rico:

(b) Welcomed the statement made, in which it was recommended that, in line with the resolutions and decisions concerning Puerto Rico adopted by the Special Committee since 1972 reaffirming the inalienable right of its people to self-determination and independence in conformity with General Assembly

Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

With regard to the situation in French Polynesia:

(m) Shared the continuing concern of the Special Committee over the failure by the administering Power to submit information on the Territory pursuant to Article 73 e of the Charter;

(n) In this connection, underlined the importance of securing substantive and

With regard to the situation in Saint Helena:

(c) Expressed their appreciation for the participation of a representative of the Government of Saint Helena, who travelled numerous days from the Territory to arrive in Nicaragua, and the information that she provided;

(d) Noted the views expressed by the representative of the Territory that Saint Helena had no aspiration to independence and had been able to have a formal form of government;

(e) Took note of the concerns expressed by the representative of Saint Helena about the potential negative impacts of the construction of the airport, including a growing number of expatriate families settling in the Territory, and the lack of a definite plan to operate an air route or sea link between Saint Helena and neighbouring islands;

(f) Took note of the information provided by the representative of Saint Helena that although the new constitution of 2009 enshrined human rights provisions, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other major international agreements had not yet been extended to the territory;

With regard to the situation in Western Sahara:

(g) Recalled the mandate of the Special Committee towards self-determination for the people of Western Sahara, and reaffirmed all relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 69/101, and supported Security Council resolutions 1754 (2007), 1783 (2007), 1813 (2008), 1871 (2009), 1920 (2010), 1979 (2011), 2044 (2012), 2099 (2013), 2152 (2014) and 2218 (2015) and the commitment of the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy for Western Sahara to finding a solution to the question of Western Sahara, underscored the need for renewed efforts to reinvigorate the search for a lasting political solution to the issue, called on the parties to continue to show political will and work in an atmosphere propitious for dialogue in order to enter into a more intensive and substantive phase of negotiations, thus

areas, such as governance, natural disaster preparedness, climate change and community empowerment;

(g) Also in view of the important role of regional organizations and regional arrangements in providing assistance to the relevant Non-Self-Governing Territories in support of the process of decolonization, suggested that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate and the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, strengthen its interactions and collaboration with relevant regional and subregional organizations;

(h) On the issue of public outreach to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories on decolonization issues, advised the Special Committee, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, actively to engage and seek new and innovative ways to promote a public awareness campaign aimed at fostering an understanding among the people of the Territories of the options for self-determination in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions on decolonization, including to complement their ongoing efforts and ensure that the information provided ef

work towards full participation of the representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in future seminars. The administering Powers should facilitate the participation of the elected representatives of the Territories in the seminars in

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