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**Special Committee on the Situation with regard
to the Implementation of the Declaration on the
Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries
and Peoples**

2014 Pacific Regional Seminar

Draft closing statement

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As I said in my opening statement, the relevant resolutions, legal opinions and practice of the General Assembly provide a useful conceptual and legal arsenal for the implementation of the decolonization mandate.

There is no need for us to reinvent the wheel. As resolution 68/97 of 2013 recalls, "the plan of action for the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, updated as necessary, represents an important legislative authority for the attainment of self-government by the Non-Self-Governing Territories".

I should like, once again, to express the sincere gratitude of the Special Committee to the Government and the people of Fiji, for their hospitality and support in ensuring the success of this Seminar.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention and thank the interpreters for their excellent work, which gave us the best possible understanding of the participants' statements.

Again, I thank all here present for making this Seminar a success. In this regard, I would like to express our gratitude to the Secretary of the Special Committee and her team in the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, the team of the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Public Information for their valuable assistance in organizing and conducting the event.

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I declare the Pacific Regional Seminar on decolonization, held under the auspices of the United Nations, closed.

Thank you.

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