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

**Managua, Nicaragua
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STATEMENT BY

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Thank you Mr. Chairman and congratulation to you, your co- chairs and kudos to the committee and various delegation gathered here. Further thanks to the host Country for such excellent hospitality.

70 years since into the UN's work began, 53/4 years since TCI has been having the conversation of Self Determination toward and following the Independence of Jamaica, and on the eve of its' Fortieth year since the introduction of the 1976 Constitution which allowed for Ministerial Government after much agitation by the it people, especially as a result of continuous agitation by the TCI people concluding in the Juncanoo Club incidences of 1975 and 76. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend and share in the C-24 Seminar and bring greetings from Premier, Hon. Dr. Rufus Ewing.

Prior to all this, Turks and Caicos has seen many years of neglect for a while has been hauled to and fro between the governments of Jamaica and the Bahamas, having between 1748 and 1773 its own Presidency for 25 years. In its most recent times and particularly since the advent of the United Nations –

Some of our Institutions that worked well for the Territory has be sacrificed on the Alter of Reform. Their removal has done more harm than good.

I believe in the right of all people to Self Determination. It is a core principle of the U.S. Constitution.

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that the UK was/is re-colonizing the Turks and Caicos Islands. Thus, my call for the tripartite paper with signatures for the decolonization of the Territories.

The United Kingdom has made bold statements that if either of its territories/colonies wants to become