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THIRD INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM

Third International Decade – the United Nations at 70 and the decolonization agenda: The role of the Special Committee

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Mr. Chairman,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to make my presentation right after your major statement.

First of all I would like to sincerely thank our hosts, government and people of Nicaragua for allowing us to hold decolonization seminar in this beautiful country. I remember that as postgraduate student at Kiev State University in Ukraine at the end of the 1970s – early 1980s, I was following with fascination the successes and victories of the *Revolución Popular Sandinista*. I have never dreamed that one day I would be sitting here in Managua and delivering my statement on decolonization

to some other people's natural resources, which were the driving force of the colonial policies in the past.

THE COMMITTEE'S MANDATE AND ITS LIMITS

By the resolution 1654 (XVI) the Special Committee was requested to examine the *application of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries*

(b) To continue to examine the implementation by Member States of resolution 1514 (XV) and other

(c) To continue to examine the political, economic and social situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and to recommend, as appropriate, to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination, including independence in accordance with the relevant

1. modality of inscribing the new territories on the United Nations list as only

In order to start this work, the Committee needs assistance from the Secretariat to
classify NSGTs on the JIN list according to various criteria in the area of political

constitutional, economic and social development. The material in the working
papers gives ample material for such an exercise.

Major criteria for candidate NSGTs for the working groups should be their maturity
in meeting the criteria of self-government. Needless to say, such criteria for the UK

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UNDER ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA

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1. Establish two ad hoc working groups on Bermuda and American Samoa with