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STATEMENT

BY THE REPRESENTATIVE

OF VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)

**THE REGIONAL SEMINAR
OF THE CARIBBEAN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SECOND INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION
OF COLONIALISM: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE
DECOLONIZATION PROCESS OF THE WORLD TODAY
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In the name of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I wish to thank the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis and the Secretary of the United Nations, for the celebration of this *Regional Seminar of the Caribbean on the implementation of the International Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: challenges and opportunities in the process of decolonization of the world today.*

We are convinced that this meeting constitutes an important effort in the shared objective to promote the cause of decolonization and independence of the people submitted to colonial domination or foreign occupation, in agreement with Resolution 1514 (XV) of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Venezuela in their capacity as member of the Special Committee of Decolonization of the United Nations supports the force and relevance of the fundamental and inalienable rights of all people, including all territories non-autonomous, as well as territories that are under foreign occupation or colonial power, to the free determination, of which exercise in the case of people that are submitted to foreign occupation or colonial domination, in pursuit of what is valid and essential to secure the eradication of all those situations and to guarantee universal respect for human rights and fundamental liberties.

Our country lament that in addition to forty years of the adoption of the Declaration on the concession of independence to countries and colonial people, next is to conclude the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism (2001-2010), still colonial situations persist in our continent that affect the human rights and fundamental liberties of those people.

To this effect, Venezuela supports the enthusiastic manner of work and activities of the Special Committee of Decolonization of the United Nations, including their decisions, and in that sense, we urge the Administrative Powers to endorse the activities of the Committee and cooperate with this organ of the United Nations.

Thank you.