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Colonialism: next steps in decolonization

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1. We are in no way questioning the composition of any delegation as presented to us by its official authorities, including that of Morocco.
2. However, any delegation taking the floor must speak on behalf of the Government that it is here to represent, and in no other capacity.
3. It is clear that means of notification other than Notes Verbales have been accepted in the past, and therefore we will not question it now. We have taken note of concerns expressed, and will bear them in mind in future.
4. Regardless of the fact that the working language of the seminar is English, as a matter of courtesy we will be happy to hear statements in any of the UN's official languages, in order to allow participants to express themselves.
5. However, it will not be possible for the seminar to hear versions of statements as interpreted from the floor.