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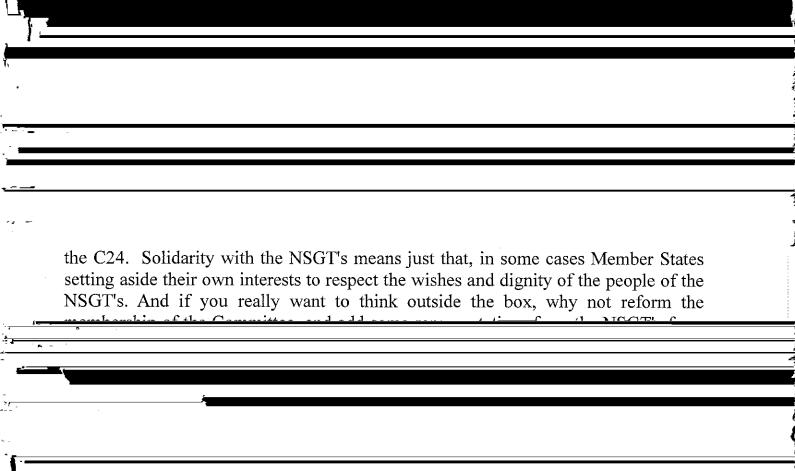
THIRD INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM

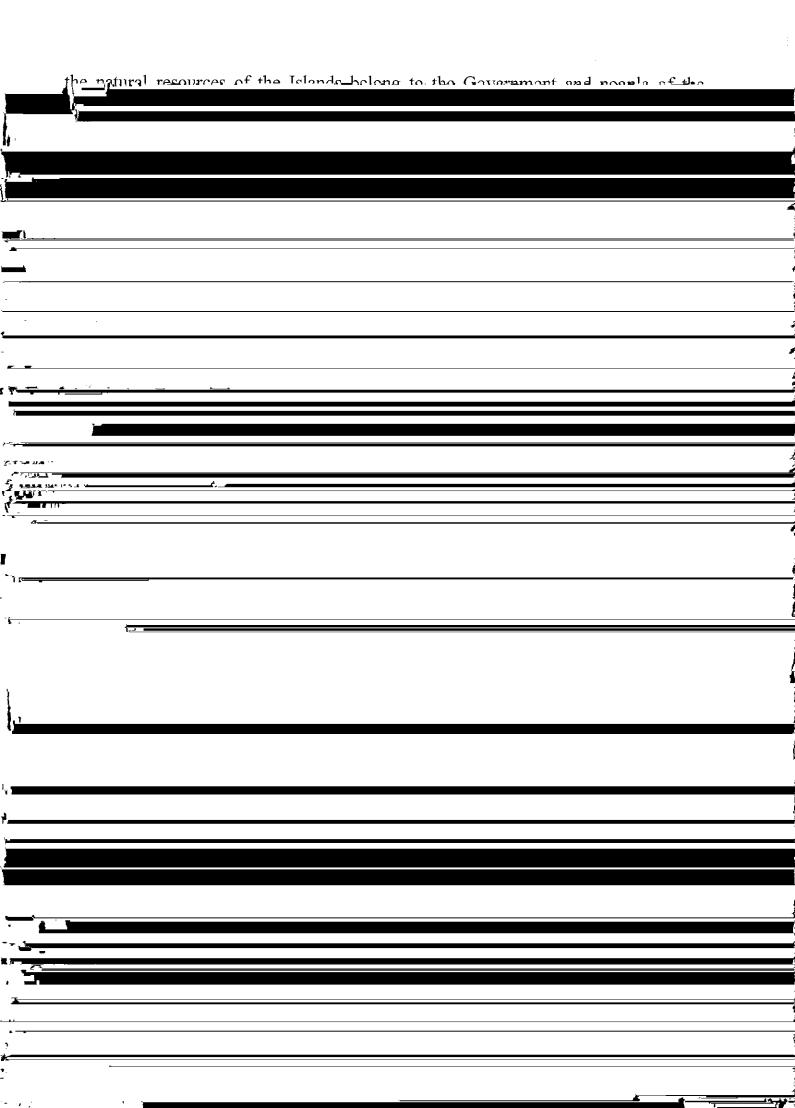
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I had the opportunity yesterday to thank the Government of Equador and the UN Committee for the efficient and friendly organisation of this seminar. That sentiment remains with us. There was much interesting reflection yesterday on the responsibilities and achievements of the C24. The call by Member States for solidarity with the NSGT's, and the call by the Chair for the people of the NSGT's to be treated with dignity and enough to much assume inted to be a lateral of the Deck of the all the

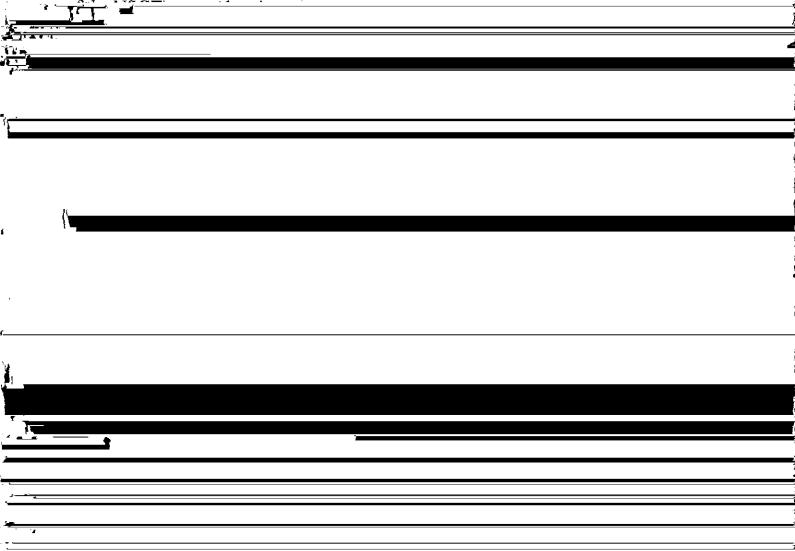
If a territory has reached an accommodation with another country with which they are satisfied, what place has the C24 to tell them they should not be satisfied? If a people has decided of its own free will that it does not wish to seek independence or integration, who is the C24 to tell them they must? If a territory wishes to be removed from the list of NSGT's free of coercion from others, why should that not be permitted to happen? There are concerns in the NSGT's that you are simply not listening to us, and what we wish for our countries.

There were calls to think outside the box. But this issue requires not just thinking outside the box, and many years of fine words and speeches, it requires action. It requires action by all parties involved, the NSGT's, the administering powers and the C24 with the wishes and interests of the NSGT's at the forefront and supported by





Members of the C24 that the Falkland Islands are not a colony, and are free to choose. Whilst Member States may or may not wish to choose sides in a dispute between the UK and Argentina, as Members of the C24 in solidarity with the people



And finally Chair, let me deal with the issue of negotiations about the future of the Falkland Islands. The UN and its Committees are rightly committed to the peaceful resolution of disputes, as are we all. Argentina calls for negotiations with the UK on the Falkland Islands, but refuses to include the legitimate Government of the Islands in any talks or discussions. The UK has repeatedly stated there will be no negotiations on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands unless and until the Falkland Islanders so wish. And this is not our wish. Recently in London the Foreign Minister of Argentina refused to meet with the UK Foreign Secretary because Falkland Sands Government representatives were to be present for discussions about the Islands.

The Falkland Islands Government has written to the Government of Argentina on two recent occasions proposing discussions on matters of mutual interest. These letters have been ignored. The Argentine position is that it only wishes to negotiate with the UK Government, and only about the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, over the heads of the people of the Islands. They implicitly and explicitly deny Falkland Islanders the right to self determination. This should be another to this Committee and to all people who support basic human rights. Any resolution that come from this Committee that does not acknowledge the rights of the people is a disgrace, and