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STATEMENT BY

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



**Statement by the Representative of the Papua New Guinea Permanent
Mission to the United Nations at the Special Committee on Decolonization**

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III. Secondly, let me congratulate the people of New Caledonia for peacefully conducting the Provincial Election on 11 May 2014 under the Noumea Accord. We also convey our felicitations to the

members of the Territorial Congress, provincial assemblies and municipal offices and wish them well as they prepare their administration in the lead up to the implementation of the

VIII. Whilst we welcome the progressive efforts been made by the Administering Power to rebalance the level of development across New Caledonia and to transfer powers and authority on functionalities to the Territory, under the Noumea Accord, we also believe that more efforts are required to ensure the timeliness of transfer of agreed powers and for adequate capacity building of indigenous people of New Caledonia so that they can be meaningfully involved in determining their future destiny.

IX. Another area, which in our view, that the Administering Power could strengthen is the reporting on developments taking place in New Caledonia, as required under Article 73 e of the UN Charter..There are many positive developments taking place that are either under-

Mr Chairman,

XI. I should also draw to the attention of this committee that