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The seminar is an essential part of the work of the Special Committee as well as the implementation of the Second International Decade. It has a strong symbolic significance as it is held in the month during which the Special Committee observes the week of solidarity with the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories. It has a clear deliberative value, as a forum where views are exchanged in an informal and interactive manner on how to make progress in the area of decolonization.

As we are approaching the very end of the Second Decade, this seminar has a further fundamental importance for the Special Committee to seek fresh

We are delighted to see a big number of turn-out at this year's seminar.
On behalf of the Special Committee, I am pleased to announce that

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