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Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 16 to 18 May 2017

STATEMENT BY

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

By the representative of the Russian Federation at the 2017 Caribbean regional Seminar on the implementation of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism

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Mr. Chairman,

First of all allow me to officially but warmly greet you and all the distinguished participants of the 2017 Caribbean regional seminar here in

Declaration on granting independence to colonial countries and other relevant UN resolutions and decisions are still valid, just as they were at the beginning of the UN work.

We are of the strong view that neither the size of a territory nor geographical position nor the amount of natural resources should affect the rights of people for self-determination. And we need to remember that administering powers are obliged under the international law to create

the United Nations system. That is why "we the peoples" decided to create it as a forum where we could peacefully talk over all our diversities.