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Regrettably, it is nonsense to say that Gibraltar's interests were progressed in the Indonesia Regional Seminar on Decolonisation and the GSLP should not put out ambiguous press releases designed to give the contrary impression to the people of Gibraltar.

Following approval by the UN Special Committee on Decolonisation (Committee of 24) of the Report of the Regional Seminar held in Indonesia in May this year, the Government is reaffirmed in its decision to reject the continuing relevance of the Committee of 24 to the status and future of Gibraltar.

The Report of the Seminar contains the usual anti-Gibraltar, nonsensical Conclusions and Recommendations, namely: -

- (1) No self determination in cases where there is a sovereignty dispute (i.e. Gibraltar);
- (2) Self-determination is a "fundamental human right", but it does not apply to Gibraltar;
- (3) Where there is a sovereignty dispute (i.e. Gibraltar) the Government (of Gibraltar) may not participate in the development of UN work programmes for Gibraltar;
- (4) Where there is a Sovereignty dispute (i.e. Gibraltar) the Committee of 24 may not consult with the Government (of Gibraltar) to facilitate working – level contacts with the Gibraltar Government;
- (5) Where there is a Sovereignty dispute (i.e. Gibraltar) the Committee of 24 may not provide electoral assistance for an act of self determination;
- (6) Where there is a Sovereignty dispute (i.e. Gibraltar) the Committee of 24 should not send visiting missions.
- (7) Where there is a Sovereignty dispute (i.e. Gibraltar) the committee of 24 should not engage proactively;
- (8) It is suggested that the principle of territorial integrity applies to the case of Gibraltar.

Commenting on the 2008 Seminar Report, and the Committee of 24's approval of it Chief Minister Peter Caruana said: -

“Everything that I said in my speech to the Special Committee earlier this month has been confirmed, yet again. Each one of the Seminar's relevant conclusions denies Gibraltar the right to self-determination in explicit terms. The suggestion in a recent GSLP Press release to the effect that progress had been made in the Indonesia Regional Seminar attended by Mr Bossano and boycotted by the Government is regrettably untrue.

The Committee is thus irrelevant to our situation, which has now been settled with Britain in a non-colonial relationship to the satisfaction of the people of Gibraltar. For the Government of Gibraltar our decolonisation is thus no longer a pending issue”.