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Mr. CALERO RODRIGUES

(Brazil)

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Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories (continued)

l. <u>Viscount COLVILLE of CULROSS</u> (United Kingdom) welcomed the inclusion of the item in the Commission's agenda, particularly since the past five years had seen some of the most flagrant and systematic violations of human rights since the establishment of the United Nations: mass killings of innocent people; abductions followed by disappearances; summary executions; official toleration or even encouragement of torture; arbitrary arrests; indefinite imprisonment without trial and internal exile; the displacement of hundreds of thousands of innocent people from their homes as a result of foreign invasion or for other political or military reasons; the deprivation of certain people of their right to self-determination; and the persecution of people, by both religious and atheistic regimes, because of their colour, race or religious beliefs, one example being the persecution of the Baha'i community referred to at the preceding meeting.