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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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**To:** The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature

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**From:** Senator Régine Biscoe Lee PBL

**Re:** Travel Report for October 2019, pursuant to Public Law 35-36

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Dear Speaker Muña Barnes:

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!* In compliance with the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Act—Section 17 of Part II, Chapter XIII, Public Law 35-36, I am submitting my travel report for October 2019. Please also find attached the agendas and information that highlight the impact of the trip.

Please be advised of the following information:

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| **Name of Traveler** | Régine Biscoe Lee |
| **Location** | New York, NY |
| **Dates Traveled** | October 7, 2019 – October 13, 2019 |
| **Source of Funds** | Legislature Operations Fund—<br>Office of Senator Régine Biscoe Lee |
| **Purpose of Travel** | Testimony to the United Nations Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee of the General Assembly); Delegation meetings with Ambassadors and other delegations |
| **Cost of Travel** | $4,693.50 |

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 472-3455.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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## United Nations

Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee of the General Assembly)
*New York, NY*

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## Tuesday, October 8, 2019

### Attendees (GU)

Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, Lieutenant Governor
Hon. Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., Senator, 35th Guam Legislature
Hon. Sabina Flores Perez, Senator, 35th Guam Legislature
Mr. Anthony M. Babauta, Chief of Staff, Governor of Guam
Mr. Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Executive Director, Commission on Decolonization
Ms. Rikki Orsini, Committee on Self-Determination, 35th Guam Legislature
Mr. Leonardo Orsini, Bay Area Independent Guåhan

### Fourth Committee

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) considers a broad range of issues covering a cluster of five decolonization-related agenda items, the effects of atomic radiation, questions relating to information, a comprehensive review of the question of peacekeeping operations as well as a review of special political missions, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Report of the



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Special Committee on Israeli Practices and International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. In addition to these annual items, the Committee also considers the items on Assistance in mine action, and University for peace biennially and triennially respectively.

## Agenda

United Nations Check-in/Pass and ID: 320 E 45th Street

Address by the President of the General Assembly

Introductory statements and joint general debate on decolonization items

Information from Non-Self Governing Territories (NSTG) transmitted

Question of French Polynesia, Gibraltar and Guam (10/8, 10/10)

- ❑ French Polynesian President requests removal from list of NSGT
- ❑ Petitioners request assistance in addressing challenges and on-going cancers due to nuclear testing
- ❑ 2018 general election in French Polynesia: report revealed that current ruling party use of bonus seats, one-third (⅓) of total seats are non-democratically selected and favors artificially preeminence and undermines attempts of self determination for French Polynesia
- ❑ Nuclear testing: no access to sea, frequent flooding, displacement, increased explosions, high concentration of inhabitants, other French regions with airports receive millions but Fa does not.
- ❑ Self-determination for Gibraltar, Denis Matthews

## Wednesday, October 9, 2019 - Yom Kippur (UN Observed)

## Attendees

Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, Lieutenant Governor
Hon. Régine Biscoe Lee, Senator, 35th Guam Legislature
Hon. Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., Senator, 35th Guam Legislature
Hon. Sabina Flores Perez, Senator, 35th Guam Legislature
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## Agenda

Meeting with Guam Delegation

Meeting with Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Ambassador and Staff

- ❑ 4th Committee testimony and requested FSM support
- ❑ Requested support for visiting mission to Guam and Pacific decolonization meeting in Pohnpei/Guam
- ❑ FAS migrant population in Guam: challenges and opportunities for further collaboration

## Thursday, October 10, 2019

## Attendees

Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, Lieutenant Governor
Hon. Régine Biscoe Lee, Senator, 35th Guam Legislature
Hon. Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., Senator, 35th Guam Legislature
Hon. Sabina Flores Perez, Senator, 35th Guam Legislature
Mr. Anthony M. Babauta, Chief of Staff, Governor of Guam
Mr. Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Executive Director, Commission on Decolonization
Ms. Rikki Orsini, Committee on Self-Determination, 35th Guam Legislature
Ms. Samantha Barnett, Independent Guåhan
Mr. Andrew Gumataotao, Duk Duk Goose, Inc.
Mr. Leonardo Orsini, Bay Area Independent Guåhan
Ms. Pim Limitiaco, Guåhan Coalition for Peace & Justice
Ms. Julia Faye Muñoz, *I Hagan Famalao'an Guåhan*

List of Petitioners:

Please see document: https://undocs.org/en/A/C.4/74/4

Webcast:

http://webtv.un.org/search/fourth-committee-4th-meeting-general-assembly-74th-session/6093865575001/?term=&lan=english&cat=Meetings%2FEvents&sort=date&page=8



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## Agenda

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):

*Consideration of decolonization items (continued)*

- ❑ Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73e of the Charter of the United Nations - A/74/23, A/74/63
- ❑ Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories - A/74/23
- ❑ Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations - A/74/23, A/74/80
- ❑ Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories - A/74/65, A/74/65/Add.1
- ❑ Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples - A/74/80, A/74/341
- ❑ Statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee.

- ❑ **Question of Guam**, West Sahara
  - ❑ Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio - History of Guam's quest for self determination, Insular cases; Requests UN visiting mission
  - ❑ Senator Régine Biscoe Lee - Vice Chair, Commission on Decolonization
    - ❑ Climate change and self determination

> **We are here today not just because we remain colonized, but also because we seek decolonization. It is imperative that island colonies be able to alter their course and substantively address the issues that confront them.**
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> **Among the global forces that threaten islands are the causes and effects of rising sea levels and warming oceans.**

  - ❑ Senator Sabina Flores Perez - Militarization
  - ❑ Julia Faye Muñoz - *I Hagan Famalao'an Guåhan*
  - ❑ Melvin Won Pat Borja -Executive Director, Commission on Decolonization
  - ❑ Rikki Orsini - Committee on Self-Determination, Guam Legislature
  - ❑ Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D. - Guam Legislature



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- ❑ Samantha Barnett - Independent Guåhan
- ❑ Leonardo Orsini - Bay Area Independent Guåhan
- ❑ Andrew Gumataotao - Duk Duk Goose, Inc.
- ❑ Pim Limtiaco - Guåhan Coalition for Peace & Justice

## Action Items

- ❑ Communication with FSM Ambassador regarding support for visiting mission to Guam; and Pacific decolonization meeting in Pohnpei/Guam and FAS migrant population in Guam
- ❑ Follow up with Nauru and United States missions; delegation representatives
- ❑ Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs; Committee on Decolonization updates



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