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**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples****Note verbale dated 15 June 2000 from the Permanent Mission
of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General**

The Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations refers to the invitation by the Government of France, addressed to a number of Missions accredited to the United Nations, to participate in a visiting mission to the non-self-governing territory of New Caledonia in 1999 and attaches herewith a copy of the report of the visiting mission (see annex).

The Mission of Papua New Guinea would appreciate it if the report could be circulated to all Member States, observer States, international organizations accredited to the United Nations, and all United Nations subsidiary organs and bodies prior to the consideration of item 18 of the provisional agenda, entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples", at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

Annex

Visiting mission to New Caledonia

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