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STATEMENT
by Ms. Diana TARATUKHINA,
the representative of the Russian Federation
in the Sixth Committee of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly
on the agenda item: “Report of the Special Committee on the Charter
of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the
Organization”

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Mr. Chairman,

The Russian Federation supports the work of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. We believe that this Committee can resolve complex legal issues related to the work of the organization on the basis of generally recognized principles and norms of international law. Thus, the Committee makes its contribution to ensuring the rule of law at the international level.

During the spring session of the Special Committee different assessments were expressed regarding the activities of this body. On the

one hand, we heard proposals to increase, as much as possible, the duration of its work. On the other hand, it was noted that the dynamics of its work slowed down, and proposals were made to switch it to a “sleeping” mode by convening it as appropriate.

We share the view that the Special Committee requires a certain optimization of its activity. We believe that it should continue to work on a regular basis.

The Special Committee still keeps in its portfolio a joint Russian-Belarusian proposal to request an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the resort to the use of force by States without prior authorization by the Security Council. We believe that taking into account the current political processes in the world, and unstable situation in many regions, this issue remains relevant. We think that in a due time we will manage to find a consensus ways for its resolution in the Special Committee.

We take note of the efforts of the UN Secretariat to prepare such important publications as the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council. We proceed from the understanding that in drafting the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council the Secretariat shall fully comply with the relevant principles contained in the Report of the Secretary-General of 18 September 1952.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.