

68TH SESSION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine

on Agenda item 84

“Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the Role of the Organisation”

(October 11, 2013)

Mr. Chairman,

While the Delegation of Ukraine shares most of the points discussed in the statement by the distinguished Delegation of the European Union on this agenda item, we would like to make several comments to reflect a specific of our position in respect of the activities of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

The Delegation of Ukraine has taken note of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization contained in document A/68/33. We would like to thank to the Secretary-General for his reports on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, and on the Repertory of practice of United Nations organs and Repertoire of the practice of the Security Council.

My Delegation welcomes the progress and the efforts undertaken by the Secretariat to reduce the backlog in the preparation of the Repertory of practice of United Nations organs and Repertoire of practice of the Security Council. At the same time we note that no new voluntary contributions have been received by the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the Repertory and we agree that additional contributions are strongly encouraged to carry out the effective elimination of the backlog in the Repertory. We urge the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards updating the two publications and making them available electronically in all their respective language versions.

As regards the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, the Delegation of Ukraine takes note that neither the General Assembly nor the Economic and Social Council have found it necessary in 2013 to take any action related to economic problems arising from sanctions affecting third States. We take further note that the Secretariat highlighted that no State had appealed to the UN for remedy and relief from economic problems relating to sanctions since 2003.

On those grounds, we can agree that the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions may not be anymore a matter of priority for the Special Committee. However, the fact that no State has required assistance in the matter should not imply that the subject has to be removed. The Delegation of Ukraine considers it necessary to keep this item on the agenda of the Special Committee. We think that the proposal of some delegations to focus efforts of the Special Committee on the issue of establishing a mechanism of evaluation of the effects of sanctions on third States as well as assistance to affected States, merits further consideration.

At the same time, the Delegation of Ukraine would like to urge the Special Committee to continue considering, on priority basis, ways and means of improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency. My delegation stands ready to make its contribution to the work in this direction.

I thank you