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**STATEMENT
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ON THE

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE
STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION
(SIXTH COMMITTEE)**

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CHAMBER

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Mr. Chairman,

Nigeria welcomes the report of the Special Committee on this agenda item prepared from the observations and input of Governments on the issues discussed.

2. Nigeria reaffirms the position that international peace and security can only be achieved in an environment that emphasizes the rights and responsibilities of all States under an equitable and progressive international legal system. In order to ensure sustainable peace and security, States have an obligation to ensure that the relations between them de-emphasize might over right, and promote common interests.

3. My delegation subscribes to the need to create mechanisms that would evaluate the impact of sanctions on third party States. In this context, we will continue to join other Member States in reiterating that the application of the use of sanction should be done within the ambit of the UN Charter and under the purview of the general principles of international law. We call on the International Law Commission to give due consideration to the legal consequences of sanctions affecting third States.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Nigeria subscribes to the principle of accountability and underscores that sanctions should occur after all means of peaceful dispute settlement have been exhausted. Thus, the procedure prescribed for such measures are equally important. These procedures could facilitate the effective implementation of these

sanctions and enhance the role of the UN in effectively maintaining international peace and security.

Mr. Chairman,

5. On peaceful settlement of disputes, Nigeria re-emphasizes its commitment and allegiance to Article 1 of the UN Charter, under which all members of the UN have pledged **"to bring about peace by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to the breach of peace."**

6. Nigeria has consistently pursued a foreign policy anchored on the achievement of global peace and security and has demonstrated its respect for the Rule of Law through her relations with other states as well as her close cooperation and collaboration with the United Nations and its various organs and institutions, and various other multilateral organizations of which she is a member.

Mr. Chairman,

7. In conclusion, Nigeria supports the work of this committee as well as the retention of the agenda item.

I thank you