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Statement by

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First Secretary

to

The Sixth Committee: "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,

I would like to thank the Chair of the Special Committee on the Charter and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, Mr. Ambassador Odo Tevi, Permanent Representative of Vanuatu, and the members of its Bureau for the comprehensive report presented on the work of the Special Committee during its 2015 annual session.

My Delegation aligns itself with the statements made by South Africa on behalf of the African Group and by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, and would like to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

We reiterate our support to the work of the Special Committee on the Charter, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 3499. In this respect, we stress the important role of the Special Committee in the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

We reaffirm, also, the relevance of the provisions of Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, as approved by the General Assembly in 1982.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation considers highly relevant the new proposal and concept paper submitted respectively by the Non-Aligned Movement and Ghana. We look forward to engaging on the revised draft of the proposal during the upcoming session of the Special Committee.

We are, as well, of the view that the Special Committee should maintain the consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions. In the same time, we believe that sanctions should be applied cautiously, as a last resort and within a clear framework, in order to minimize any adverse consequences on vulnerable groups, civilian populations and on third States. This is why objectives of sanctions and their goal for a target country shall be clearly defined, based on tenable legal grounds and imposed for a clear time frame.

Mr. Chairman,

We strongly reiterate the need to fully respect the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its provisions related to functions and powers of each principal organ of our Organization and to maintain the right balance among these organs, mainly, the balance of competence between the General Assembly and the Security Council.

In this context, my delegation would like to voice its conviction that the whole process of the reform of the United Nations, including the revitalization of the General Assembly, will certainly benefit from the activities of the Special Committee. We would further benefit if we manage within the Special Committee to reach agreement on the initiative, proposed by Venezuela, aiming to create an "Open-ended working Group to study the proper implementation of the Charter of the United Nations with respect to the functional relationship of its main organs", in particular the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to enhancing the efficiency of the working methods of the Special Committee, we consider that exploring new approaches is of utmost importance to reinvigorate the work of the Special Committee. Thereupon, my delegation recalls the need for genuine political will, in order to advance the long standing issues included in the agenda.

I would like to conclude by recalling the support of my delegation to the document entitled "Full validity of the Charter of the United Nations on its seventieth anniversary" (A/AC.182/L.139), presented by Cuba. My delegation welcomes, also, the progress made in the publication and updating of the Repertory of Practice of the United Nations organs, as well as the Repertoire of practice of the Security Council.

I thank you