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IN THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON
AGENDA ITEM 84: "THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE
STRENTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANISATION"
ON THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 2015

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement and South Africa on behalf of the Africa Group, and wishes to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation further welcomes the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/70/33). Ghana attaches great value and importance to the work of this committee, particularly its contribution to the revitalization and the strengthening of the United Nations to enhance its ability to deal with the challenges of our time and beyond. In furtherance of this important goal, we reiterate our support for the work of the Special Committee and urge continuing engagement and constructive dialogue for the common good of our Organization.

Mr. Chairman,

Earlier this year, Ghana submitted a proposal for an additional topic to the Committee's agenda under Identification of New Subjects, entitled "Strengthening the Relationship and Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Organizations/Arrangements in the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes". Our submission was made taking cognizance of the extensive work that has been done in different areas

within the United Nations on this subject. We believe, however, that critical attention ought to be devoted to the determination of clear mechanisms and actions to effectively deal with the gaps and challenges encountered in the relationship between the United Nations and regional organizations/arrangements in the maintenance of international peace and security. Given the significant role regional organizations play in promoting the rule of law, respect for human rights and international humanitarian law and in the maintenance of peace and security, the United Nations needs to work assiduously at this and aim at improving coordination and cooperation in that regard. Our proposal focuses on identifying the gaps and exploring institutional mechanisms to bring some clarity in this relationship and thus forge strategic partnerships as well as more effective and timely interactions between the United Nations and regional organizations.

Mr. Chairman,

On the basis of the constructive comments made on our proposal during the session of the Special Committee, we would submit a revised proposal for the 2016 session of the Committee and also formulate recommendations on the subject for further discussion. I wish to conclude that Ghana still welcomes suggestions and comments from delegations to ensure inclusivity and refinement of the proposal.

I Thank You.