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Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the Kingdom of Thailand aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. The delegation of the kingdom of Thailand also takes 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.

Mr. Chairman,

In accordance with Resolution 3499 of 15 December 1975, the Special Committee has been mandated to continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the questions of the maintenance of international peace and security in all aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations. Given the nature of its mandate, the Special Committee has been entrusted with an important role in interpreting the UN Charter to ensure its effective implementation.

Mr. Chairman,

The Special Committee has a long history and it has successfully negotiated many important documents including the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes adopted more than 30 years ago.

The delegation of the Kingdom of Thailand is of the view that with the rapid change of global situations, especially when it comes to international peace and security, the role of the Special Committee becomes more relevant in the global context today than ever before.

As 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Charter, Thailand is of the view that the time is ripe and right for us to revitalize and strengthen the role of the Special Committee. We support efforts and initiatives to revive this important Committee so as to allow the Committee to perform its functions and to fulfill its mandates. These may include the appointment of Bureau three months prior to the meeting, which would allow the Bureau to have sufficient time to plan and prepare for the meeting as well as to circulate relevant documents to Member States for their consideration in advance. Such initiatives will allow the Committee to have more substantive debates, including examining both existing and new proposals from States. At this point, Thailand wishes to express our hope that the NAM's proposal submitted to the Special Committee at the meeting this year, and attached to the report of the Special Committee, will be considered favorably by Member States.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand also believes that Special Committee has an important role to play in dividing the work of principal organs of the United Nations. We advocate for greater level of effectiveness and transparency of the work of the Security Council and its subsidiary bodies including Sanction Committees.

My delegation would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the efforts and progress made towards the Repertory of Practice of the United Nations Organs and Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council.

Thank you.