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to

The Sixth Committee on “Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization”

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I would like to thank the Chair of the Special Committee on the Charter and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, Ambassador Janine Elizabeth Coye-Felson, Deputy-Permanent Representative of Belize, and the members of the Bureau, that we had the honor to share, for the comprehensive report presented on the work of the Special Committee during its 2016 annual session (A/71/33).

My delegation aligns itself with the statements made by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and by South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

Distinguished delegates,

Algeria reiterates its support to the work of the Special Committee on the Charter, as mandated by the General Assembly's resolution 3499 (XXX).

In this respect, we underline the important role that can be played by the Special Committee in the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

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

Distinguished delegates,

Algeria still considers highly relevant the proposal of the Non-Aligned Movement entitled "Pacific settlement of disputes and its impact on the maintenance of peace". The same support goes to all the other proposals and working papers introduced by Member States.

Algeria engaged actively during the 2016 session, and welcomes in this regard the achievements realized by the Special Committee, including the recommendation to mark the seventieth anniversary of the International Court of Justice by means of a commemorative resolution.

On the proposal submitted on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, I would like to recall that during the 2016 Special Committee session, we agreed to hold informal meetings during the intersessional period to discuss this proposal. Hence, we look forward to engaging constructively on the Non-Aligned Movement's proposal prior to the holding of the next Special Committee session.

We take note of the decision to consider the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions biannually.

In this respect, Algeria would like to recall 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.

Distinguished delegates,

Algeria strongly reiterates the need to fully respect the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the provisions related to functions and powers of each principal organ of the Organization and to maintain the right balance among these organs.

In this context, Algeria would like to voice its conviction that the whole process of the reform of the United Nations, including the revitalization of the General Assembly, would certainly benefit from the activities of the Special Committee. We would further benefit if we manage within the Special Committee to reach consensus 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”.

Distinguished delegates,

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, Algeria recalls the need for genuine political will, in order to advance the long-standing issues included in the agenda.

Distinguished delegates,

My delegation welcomes the progress made and updating of the Repertory of Practice of the United Nations organs as well as the Repertoire of practice of the Security Council. However, we would like to express Algeria’s particular support to the Secretariat in its work regarding the Repertory of Practice of the United Nations organs; we call therefore to offer appropriate means to better perform this work.

To conclude, Algeria takes note with appreciation of the achievements made during the 2016 Special Committee’s session, and looks forward to similar or even more engagement during the next session.

I thank you