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IN THE SIXTH COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL  
COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND  
ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF  
THE ORGANISATION: AGENDA ITEM 83

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**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of the Africa group and the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement and, wishes to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation 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/71/33). 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 for continued engagement and constructive dialogue for the attainment of the goals we desire this Organisation to achieve for our collective benefit.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We are particularly pleased with the progress made in the deliberations in the Charter Committee earlier this year on the various proposals submitted by delegations to the Committee and the deliberations that were held on the rationalization and improving on the working methods of the Special Committee.

**Mr. Chairman,**

During the session, my delegation also submitted a Working Paper on Strengthening the Relationship and Cooperation between the United Nations and

Regional Arrangements and Agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes and as indicated in previous discussions in both the Charter Committee and this Committee, my delegation made the proposal taking cognisance of the extensive work that had 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 strive to improve coordination and cooperation in this 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/arrangements.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We appreciate the constructive comments made on our proposal during the session and look forward to further deliberations to be held during the intercessional period with interested delegations with the aim of finalizing on the proposal of the Non-Aligned Movement and on our proposal and to work towards further developing the paper. We also welcome recommendations and suggestions to refine the working document.

I thank you.