

Statement by Algeria at the Sixth Committee
On agenda item 82 "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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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to thank the Chair of the Special Committee on the Charter and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, for her comprehensive report contained in document A/74/33.

My delegation welcomes this opportunity to express its continued support and appreciation for the work of the Special Committee on the Charter and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization as being the unique standing mechanism for deliberations on the Charter of the United Nations and for its contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security, the promotion of the principles of international law, as well as to the peaceful settlement of international disputes. Since its establishment, the Special Committee has produced useful and pertinent legal instruments. Its contribution is thus unquestionable. We reaffirm, in this regard, the relevance of the provisions of Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, as approved by the General Assembly in 1982.

My delegation supports the efforts undertaken by many Member States to consider ways and means to enhance the efficiency of the Special Committee and its working methods and ensure greater interaction and substantive discussions on issues before this organ. Political will remains critical to achieve progress in its programme of work, particularly on some longstanding issues. We also believe that all the proposals before the Special Committee merit to be duly considered.

Despite lack of progress in the consideration of some of these proposals, we are encouraged by the reinvigoration of the work of the Special Committee.

We encourage the Special Committee to continue its in-depth consideration of all matters pertaining to the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations.

In this regard, my delegation remains concerned about the impact of the application of sanctions, particularly in regard to the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter.

It is important to recall, in this respect, that sanctions must be implemented strictly in accordance with the Charter and relevant principles of international law, and as a measure of last resort and within a clear framework, in order to minimize any unintended adverse consequences on vulnerable groups, civilian populations and on third States.

Thus, objectives of sanctions and their goal for a target State must be clearly defined, based on tenable legal grounds and imposed for a clear timeframe.

We also reiterate the importance of the full respect of the Charter, in particular the provisions related to the functions and powers of the UN main organs and to maintain the right balance between these bodies. In this connection, the ongoing process of the United Nations reform, including the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, would certainly benefit from the deliberations of the Special Committee on this matter.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation is committed to the principles of the UN Charter on the peaceful settlement of disputes and recognizes at the same time the vital role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the prevention and settlement of disputes amongst States.

We welcome the annual thematic debate under the agenda item on the **“Peaceful settlement of disputes”** dedicated this year to the subtopic of the use of mediation, which provided an excellent opportunity to exchange views on best practices among States reflecting the variety of instruments for peaceful settlement in accordance with Chapter VI of the Charter and emphasizing the acute relevance of mediation activities. We look forward to the next session’s thematic debate on the subtopic **“Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of conciliation”**.

Likewise, my delegation underlines the important role of regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes, as well as their contribution in the maintenance of peace and security under Chapter VIII of the Charter. We welcome the positive consideration of the revised working paper on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes, submitted by Ghana.

To conclude, Mr. Chairman, we commend the Secretariat for the ongoing efforts in the compilation of the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the updating the Repertoire of the Practices of the Security Council. This issue should be given higher priority with specified resources being allocated for this purpose. We hope that these two important documents could be made available in all UN official languages.

Finally, my delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement.

I thank you.