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**Item 85 on the 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,**

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement and by South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

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 the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Since its establishment, the Special Committee has produced pertinent legal instrument. 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 Member states to consider ways and means to improve the efficiency of the Special Committee and its working methods and ensure greater interaction and substantive discussions on proposals before the Special Committee, which all merit to be duly considered.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We encourage the Special Committee to continue its in-depth consideration of all proposals 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 concerning 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.

In this respect we would like to recall that sanctions must be implemented strictly in accordance with the Charter and relevant principles of international law, and as a measure of last resort, in order to minimize any 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.

As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, we reiterate the importance of the full respect of the UN Charter, including the provisions related to functions and powers of the United Nations' main organs and the necessity to maintain the right balance between these bodies as envisaged by the Charter, bearing in mind that the General Assembly remains the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations. In this connection, the process of the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, would certainly benefit from the deliberations of the Special Committee .

We continue to support 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, as submitted by Ghana and look forward to the positive consideration of the revised guidelines during next year's Session.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We remain committed to the principles of the UN Charter on the peaceful settlement of disputes and recognize at the same time the vital role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the prevention and settlement of disputes by peaceful means amongst States.

We welcome the annual thematic debate on the means for the settlement of disputes, dedicated this year to the subtopic of "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of conciliation", 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 of the United Nations and emphasizing the acute relevance of conciliation activities.

We commend the progress made in compiling the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and updating the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council.

We welcome the efforts of the Secretariat to address the backlog in these publications, including in all UN official languages. This issue should be given higher priority with adequate resources being allocated for this purpose.

To conclude, Madam Chair, my delegation remains committed to contribute constructively to promote the work and the functions of the Special Committee.

I thank you!