

STATEMENT
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Madam Chair,

I have the honour and great pleasure to introduce the report of the 2021 session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, contained in Supplement No. 33 (A/76/33).

The Special Committee met in New York from 16 to 24 February 2021 and continued its deliberations on the questions mandated by General Assembly resolution 75/140.

Allow me now to take you through the Report, which consists of five chapters and one annex. The first of these chapters is entirely procedural. Paragraphs 10 to 12 list all items and proposals that were under consideration by the Special Committee.

Chapter II of the Report relates to the **maintenance of international peace and security**. Paragraphs 14 to 15 pertain to general comments on the topic. Sections A to E of Chapter II then set out the Special Committee's consideration of a number of items under the topic.

Section A of Chapter II covers the work of the Special Committee on the question of the **introduction and implementation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations**. Paragraphs 16 to 20 of the Report reflect the Special Committee's discussion on this question. As requested in paragraph 4 of resolution 75/140, the Special Committee was briefed by the Secretariat on the document entitled "Introduction and implementation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations" contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 64/115. A summary of the briefing and the following discussion in the Special Committee can be found at paragraphs 21 to 26 of the Report.

Section B of Chapter II, at paragraphs 27 to 30, reflects the Special Committee's consideration of the revised proposal submitted by Libya with a view to **strengthening the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security**.

Section C of Chapter II, at paragraphs 31 to 34, summarizes the discussion on the revised working paper submitted by Belarus and the Russian Federation concerning the **request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice** as to the legal consequences of the resort to the use of force by States without prior authorization by the Security Council, except in the exercise of the right to self-defense.

Section D of Chapter II, at paragraphs 35 to 38, deals with the consideration of the revised working paper submitted by Cuba on **the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness: adoption of recommendations.**

The last section of Chapter II, Section E, at paragraphs 39 to 42, covers the work of the Special Committee on the further revised working paper submitted by Ghana on **strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes.**

Madam Chair,

I turn now to Chapter III of the Report, which deals with the item on the **peaceful settlement of disputes**. Paragraphs 43 to 48 pertain to general comments on the topic.

Section A of Chapter III covers the Special Committee's **annual thematic debate on the means for the settlement of disputes**, on the subtopic, "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of arbitration". A summary of the debate can be found at paragraphs 49 to 55. Paragraph 56 of the Report reflects the recommendation of the Special Committee that the thematic debate for the next session be on the subtopic "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of judicial settlement".

Section B of Chapter III, at paragraphs 57 to 59, summarizes the discussion on the Russian Federation's proposal recommending that the Secretariat be requested to establish a

website dedicated to the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and update the 1992 Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States.

The last section of Chapter III, Section C, at paragraphs 60 to 62, summarizes the discussion on the **commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes**. The relevant draft resolution recommended by the Special Committee for the consideration of the General Assembly can be found in paragraph 63 of the report.

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Chapter IV of the Report, from paragraphs 64 to 82, summarizes the Special Committee's discussion on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*. The Special Committee was briefed by the Secretariat on the status of the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire*. The recommendations of the Special Committee on this item are set out in paragraph 83 of the Report.

Finally, Madam Chair,

Chapter V of the Report concerns the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda of the Special Committee. Section A, at paragraphs 84 to 90, reflects a summary of the discussion on the **working methods of the Special Committee**.

Section B concerns the **identification of new subjects**. Paragraphs 91 and 92 pertain to general comments on the topic. Paragraphs 93 to 103 summarize the discussion on specific proposals for the inclusion of new subjects, including the written proposals submitted respectively by Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic and the oral proposal made by Cuba. The revised working paper submitted by Mexico at the present session is annexed to the report.

Madam Chair,

Before concluding, I would like to convey my appreciation to the delegations for their cooperation, as well as to the members of the Bureau for their invaluable assistance and advice.

Thank you.
