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at the Sixth Committee of the seventy-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly under agenda item 83: "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,

Azerbaijan aligns itself with the statement delivered earlier the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. I would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity.

We take note of the Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, as contained in document A/77/33.

We also thank the Secretary-General for his report on the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council and for the progress made in updating these publications, as outlined in document A/77/303.

The Special Committee plays an important role, within its mandate, in examining the issues relating to the Charter of the United Nations, the strengthening of the role and efficiency of the Organization with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security and the promotion of international law.

Since its establishment, the Special Committee has developed several important instruments and resolutions.

One of the major achievements of the Special Committee was the elaboration and adoption of the landmark Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, the fortieth anniversary of which we mark this year.

As the Manila Declaration promulgated, “States parties to a dispute shall continue to observe in their mutual relations their obligations under the fundamental principles of international law concerning the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of States, as well as other generally recognized principles and rules of contemporary international law”.

Azerbaijan’s experience of nearly thirty years of unlawful occupation of its territories, numerous war crimes committed against its people and destruction and devastation of thousands of its cities, towns and villages, forcible displacement of hundreds of thousands of its citizens, resulting from territorial claims and ethno-nationalist ideology, is an illustration and reminder of the need to do much more to ensure respect for international law and prevent conflicts.

We attach particular importance to the annual thematic debate in the Special Committee, under the agenda item on the peaceful settlement of disputes, which contributes to the more efficient and effective use of peaceful means and promotes a culture of peace among Member States.

We look forward to continued useful thematic discussions on the means of peaceful settlement during the future sessions of the Special Committee.

We also expect that the Committee will conduct meaningful, constructive and result-oriented discussions on the proposals before it, with a view of their finalization.

Thank you.