## STATEMENT BY H.E. AMB. GHEORGHE LEUCA (REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA) CHAIR OF THE 2022 SESSION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION BEFORE THE SIXTH COMMITTEE SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEM 83

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Chair,

I have the honour to introduce the report of the 2022 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/77/33).

The Special Committee met in New York from 22 February to 2 March 2022 and continued its deliberations on the questions mandated by General Assembly resolution 76/115.

At the end of this year's session, the Special Committee was only able to adopt one chapter of its 2022 report containing 13 paragraphs and which is procedural in nature. Paragraphs 10 to 12 list all items and proposals that were under consideration by the Special Committee. Nonetheless, permit me to recall the work undertaken by the Special Committee during its 2022 session.

Under the item "Maintenance of international peace and security", the Special Committee considered the question on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions and the issue of the introduction and implementation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations and was briefed by the Secretariat on both issues.

The Special Committee also continued its consideration on - 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; - the further revised working paper submitted by Belarus and the Russian Federation on an advisory opinion to be requested 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-defence; - the revised working paper submitted by Cuba on the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness: adoption of recommendations; and - 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.

Under the item "Peaceful settlement of disputes", the Special Committee undertook an annual thematic debate on the subtopic "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of judicial settlement". It also considered the proposal by the Russian Federation to recommend that the Secretariat be requested to establish a website on the peaceful settlement of disputes and update the *Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States*.

In addition, the Special Committee considered the preparation of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* and was briefed by the Secretariat on the status of the two publications.

The Special Committee also considered its working methods and continued its discussion on three written proposals for new subjects submitted in previous sessions by Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic, respectively, as well as the proposal orally made by Cuba in 2019 concerning the role of the General Assembly.

The delegation of the Russian Federation also indicated its intention to prepare a proposal for consideration at the next session of the Special Committee on the participation of nongovernmental organizations in the work of the Organization.

Finally, Chair,

I would like to draw the attention of all delegates to the fact that, following the established practice, recommendations were made during the 2022 session on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*, as well as on the subtopic for the annual thematic debate to be held at the 2023 session of the Special Committee. Although those recommendations were likewise not adopted by the Special Committee, it is my understanding that the recommendations enjoyed general agreement.

Therefore, on behalf of the Bureau of the 2022 session of the Special Committee, I now present the following recommendations to the Sixth Committee for its consideration.

On the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire*, the Bureau recommends that the Sixth Committee retain its previous recommendations to the General Assembly last year as contained in operative paragraphs 12 to 18 of the General Assembly resolution 76/115, with only one minor change, namely adding the word "Further" at the beginning of operative paragraph 13 of resolution 76/115.

On the thematic debate, the Bureau likewise recommends that the thematic debate to be held at its 2023 session be on the subtopic "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the resort to regional agencies or arrangements".

It is my sincere hope that the Special Committee will be in a position to adopt its regular report at next year's session.

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, and the Secretariat, for their invaluable assistance and advice.

Thank you.

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