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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

At the outset, my delegation would like to extend its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report contained in document A/77/33. With this in mind, my delegation welcomes the opportunity to consider the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and other relevant reports under this agenda item.

Mr. Chair,

As has been reaffirmed consistently in the previous Six Committee meetings under this agenda, my delegation firmly believes that the UN sanctions adopted by the Security Council in consonance with the UN Charter remain an important tool to maintain international peace and security. We appreciate these ongoing efforts, including the annual briefing to ensure the transparent and due process with respect to sanctions.

Mr. Chair

Regarding the item “Peaceful Settlement of Disputes”, we note that the Special Committee had meaningful discussions on the sub-topic “Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of judicial settlement.” Likewise, we look forward to a useful thematic debate on “the resort to regional agencies or arrangements and other means” at the next session.

However, we also note with continued concern that many duplicative proposals and Special Committee backlog, although slightly reduced, could bring about a lack of interest and participation from the Member States. Therefore, we need to examine effective ways to address

these issues on a priority basis while commending the Secretary-General for progress made in this regard.

Mr. Chair,

Before concluding, my delegation would like to urge Member States to avoid using this Committee as a forum for political propaganda by raising irrelevant topics such as bilateral political concerns.

With regard to the remarks by the representative of the DPRK, my delegation would like to emphasize that this committee is not the appropriate forum to discuss the status of the United Nations Command and the situation of the Korean Peninsula, especially those based on ungrounded and distorted allegations. The invalidity of the DPRK's allegations and the position of the Republic of Korea on those allegations have been continuously made clear at the Special Committee as well as in other relevant fora. As such, my delegation does not have any intention of reiterating them here.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.