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STATEMENT

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ON

**THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF
THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION, AGENDA ITEM 82**

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Mr. Chair

Thank you for giving me the floor.

2. Nigeria aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Uganda on behalf of the African Group and the distinguished representative of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

3. My delegation welcomes 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 the document (A/78/33). We express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for the report 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 as contained in documents A/78/114 as well as the report of the Secretary-General on the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council as contained in document A/ 78/296). My delegation reaffirms its firm support for the work of the Special Committee.

Mr. Chair

4. The work of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the United Nations is very important. We hope that the Special Committee will continue to live up to its full potential, as an important institution for addressing issues related to international cooperation, economic

development, social progress and for the resolution of conflicts, as well as maintenance of international peace and security.

5. International peace and security can only be attained in an environment that emphasizes and promotes the rights and responsibilities of all states under an equitable and just international system. My delegation is encouraged by the work of the Special Committee and pledges its continuous full support to the United Nations and to contribute toward all efforts aimed at achieving global prosperity, social justice and international peace and security.

Mr. Chair

6. My delegation wishes to request the Special Committee, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 50/52 to continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations. In this context, to consider other proposals relating to the maintenance of international peace and security already submitted or which may be submitted to the Special Committee during the Session, including strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations or arrangements in the peaceful settlement of disputes.

7. My delegation calls on the Committee in accordance with resolution 71/146 to consider, in an appropriate, substantive manner and framework, the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (Article 50 of

the Charter) based on all the related reports of the Secretary-General and the proposals submitted on its agenda on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States. We stress the importance to resort to all peaceful means of settling disputes, as contained in Article 33 of the Charter and in accordance with the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes. We congratulate the Committee on the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Declaration.

Mr. Chair

8. Nigeria reaffirms its position on the sovereign equality of all states. Nigeria is of the view that the imposition of unilateral sanctions goes against the sovereign equality and international law. The imposition of sanctions on any state should always be in conformity with the provisions of the Charter. We reiterate that sanctions should only be used as a last resort, after all other peaceful means of settlement of disputes have been exhausted. The purpose of any sanction imposed on a country should not be to punish the population, but rather to extract compliance with international obligation from such a country. The frequency of resorting to unilateral sanctions must be reduced, their scope narrowed, and their duration shortened to avoid prolonged damage to the interest of targeted states and their populations. We urge member states to make the most effective use of existing procedures and methods for the prevention of disputes and their pacific settlement, in accordance with the principle of the Charter of the United Nations.

9. My delegation reiterates the need for the Committee to consider, as appropriate, any proposal referred to it by the General Assembly in the implementation of the decisions of the High-Level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the Assembly in September 2005 that concern the Charter and any amendments thereto as well as considers on a priority basis, ways and means of improving its working methods to enhance its efficiency and utilization of resources with a view to identifying widely acceptable measures for future implementation. We also welcome the revised working paper by Ghana on “Strengthening the Relationship and Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or agencies in the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes.”

Mr. Chair

10. In conclusion, my delegation stresses the importance of the progress and contributions by the Special Committee and urges member states to work together towards attaining prosperity, social justice and international peace and security. Nigeria as a responsible member of the United Nations would continue to fulfil its international obligation, through a foreign policy thrust anchored on the promotion of global peace and security and the recognition of sovereign equality of nations as enshrined in Article 2 of the United Nations Charter.

11. I thank you.