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at the General Discussion on Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of
the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
of the Sixth Committee

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Thank you, Chair.

1. We extend our appreciation to the Chairman and the Bureau of the Special Committee for their leadership and commitment in coordinating the mandate of the Special Committee in its seventy-ninth session. We also value the report of the Special Committee as published in document A/79/33.
2. We also take this opportunity to thank the Secretary-General for his report in document A/79/188.
3. The Maldives recognizes the significance and importance of the Special Committee, which has – and continues to play—a significant role in achieving the objectives of the UN Charter.
4. The 1982 Manila Declaration is a landmark instrument adopted through meaningful engagement by States – but its genesis and initial credit is owed to the Special Committee.
5. At this crucial juncture when the multilateral system’s relevance is increasingly scrutinized and where the three pillars of the UN remain unrealized for most, the mandate of the Special Committee is more important than ever before.
6. Even amidst divergent perspectives, a common understanding emerges sanctions should be imposed only as a last resort when there is a genuine threat to international peace and security, and always in accordance with the UN Charter and international law.



7. Recent history demonstrates that whether it is unilateral sanctions or those imposed within the framework of the UN – there exists hypocrisy in its implementation.
8. Israel, as an occupying power, continues to violate international law, human rights law, and humanitarian law without facing the stringent sanctions that have been applied to other States in recent times. This discrepancy exposes a stark double standard within the sanctions regime.
9. Sanctions like military intervention can have a significant impact on the civilian population of a targeted State so sanction mechanisms must not exact extended consequences on the populous of the targeted State in a manner which violates their basic human rights. They should hence be subject to clearly defined parameters and their short-term and long-term effects must be clearly monitored
10. The UN Charter is anchored on the guarantee of global peace and security. Its appeal emanates from the rules-based international order which is enshrined in its text and the importance which it gives to the peaceful settlement of disputes.
11. The Maldives stands committed to ensuring this order is maintained and guaranteed for future generations.
12. Against this backdrop, the current escalation of conflicts and spillover of conflicts across borders and regions requires the relevant proposals made in connection with the Security Council and the General Assembly to be seriously and meaningfully considered.
13. This is necessitated by the continued escalation of the conflict by Israel in Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria where its influence in the Security Council has resulted in the Council being straight-jacketed from fulfilling its mandate.
14. The Maldives recognizes the important and key role which the International Court of Justice occupies in ensuring the peaceful settlement of disputes, which is essential to both the maintenance of rules-based order and the maintenance of peace and security within the international community.
15. At a time when we are actively seeing the breach of Article 94, paragraph 1 of the UN Charter – and given deadlocks within the Security Council on situations which necessitate immediate action.
16. It is incumbent upon any work towards strengthening the role of the UN to crystalize a solution which leads to the effective realization of Article 94 of the UN Charter and removes the double



standards in its implementation. Consensus should not outweigh the value of human lives, as seen in the tragic events in Gaza and the occupied Palestinian territory.

17. The Maldives welcomes the recent dialogue on the reformulation of the Security Council composition. It is symbolic that the structures and modalities of the UN which we thought were set in stone can be altered and subject to change. The Maldives will continue to support efforts to both improve and strengthen the UN framework so that the objectives enshrined in the Charter can be effectively realized.

I thank you.