

STATEMENT

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ON

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE
STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION:
AGENDA ITEM 83

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Mr. Chair

Thank you for your Leadership during this session and the Bureau on their work to the Sixth Committee this session.

2. My delegation 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/79/33* and thank the Chair and member of the Bureau for their work during the last session. We thank the Secretary-General on the Report on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* *A/79/188* .We call on the Special Committee to continue its in-depth consideration of the proposals on its Agenda as well as to examine other means to strengthen and ensure respect for the mandate of other UN organs clearly defined in the Charter.

Mr. Chair

4. My delegation reaffirms its firm support for the work of the Special Committee. 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 and economic development, social progress and for the resolution of conflicts, as well as maintenance of international peace and security. 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.

Mr. Chair

5. My delegation wishes to request the Special Committee to continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all aspects to strengthen the role of the United Nations in this context, 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.

6. On the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions and 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 of resorting 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 reiterate the need to address root causes of the disputes and to ensure the implementation of the recommendations in a transparent manner and in good faith.

Mr. Chair

7. My delegation reaffirms its position on the sovereign equality of all states and is of the view that the imposition of unilateral sanctions goes against 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.

8. My delegation reiterates the need for the Committee to consider, as appropriate, the several proposals referred to by the General Assembly as well as considering on a priority basis way 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.” Regional security mechanisms and architecture should be strengthened, including funding in addressing root causes of disputes.

Mr. Chair

9. 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.

I thank you.