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To

**General Debate of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the  
Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

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Let me start, **Madam Chairperson**, by congratulating you for your election as a chair of this session, and the members of the bureau, which Algeria has the honor to share. I hope that this session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will be fruitful.

Algeria aligns itself with the statements made by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and by South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

**Madam Chairperson,**

My delegation reaffirms its support to the work of the Special Committee on the Charter, particularly in matters of peaceful settlement of international disputes.

Algeria welcomes the shifting of the concept paper submitted by Ghana to the agenda item concerning the question of maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations. We would like, therefore, to reiterate our support to Ghana's document, entitled "Strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations or arrangements in the peaceful settlement of disputes". We see it as very topical in the context of many recent UN reports and initiatives, paving the way to partnership between the UN and the African Union. We will share some views when addressing the concept paper in the relevant working group tomorrow.

Moreover, my delegation would like to restate its support for all the other proposals and working papers submitted previously, including those currently under the two agenda items related, respectively, to Maintenance of international peace and security, and to Peaceful settlement of disputes.

**Madam Chairperson,**

Seventy years after the signature of the UN Charter, preventing collectively the threats to the peace and developing friendly relations among Member States, in respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, are still purposes that should be sought by all.

Since the signature of the Charter, the UN achieved a substantial contribution in the area of peace and security, while many of us still expect more, including my country.

Numerous peoples freed themselves from the yoke of colonialism and came to bring their contribution and share to the global peace and stability. Recognition of the UN and adherence to its Charter was very often, if not always, the first act freed States proclaim to be Member State. Needless to say that, the UN Charter is still and immensely valid.

Today, new difficulties are encountered in dealing with threats to international peace and security, and the lack of solutions regarding prevailed cases of uncertainty, like cases of decolonization, or conflicts in the long haul – as in the Middle East -, impose on us a truly renewed commitment.

Accordingly, the Special Committee could play an active role. If we are to recognize the validity



of the UN Charter in the maintenance of international peace and security, the reform of the Security Council, which we have all restated often and again in different occasions, is about embedding equity, transparency, accountability, effectiveness and legitimacy.

Even though there is a large consensus on the necessity to reform the Security Council, from our perspective, too much time has been devoted to the issue of the reform, since the adoption, in 1992, of the resolution 47/62 on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council, to reach very few positive developments towards the concretization of the efforts to make the UN executive body representative of today's world.

Given the general observation about the many fields where the UN has been unable to act, it is my hope that the reform process will expedite meaningfully this year.

My delegation reiterates, in this regard, its call to correct the historical injustice done the African Continent, by a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, including its expansion in both categories of membership and with addressing the veto issue.

**Madam Chairperson,**

As the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative organ of the UN, a reinvigorated General Assembly, in a more responsive environment, exerting fully its role and authority, would significantly contribute to the improvement of the international governance in questions related to international peace and security.

In this respect, the Special Committee may contribute to the revitalization of the General Assembly, if we manage, for instance, to reach consensus on the initiative proposed by Venezuela, aiming to create an "Open-ended working group to study the proper implementation of the Charter of the United Nations with respect to the functional relationship of its organs".

**Madam Chairperson,**

With regard to enhancing the efficiency of the working methods of the Special Committee, while acknowledging the efforts made by the Committee, we are of the view that exploring new approaches is not sufficient without the political will to expedite the long-standing issues under our agenda.

I want to conclude by expressing the disposal of my delegation to engage constructively, on all the topics on the table. I look forward to meaningful progress in order to, perhaps, reach some compromise, and reward therefore efforts of delegations that submitted concrete proposals and reviewed them according to views heard in previous sessions.

**I thank you.**