



Statement delivered by Ms. Sabita Nakarmi, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations at the meeting of Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

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(As delivered)

Mr. Chair,

My delegation would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chair and other Bureau members on your election and we assure you of our full cooperation during the deliberation of the session.

I align my statement with the one made by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement and wish to make following points in my national capacity:

Nepal attaches great importance to the role of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization in the reform process of the United Nations as mandated in Resolution 3499(XXX) of 15 December 1975.

It is the Charter of the United Nations that allows and enables the Organization to play a vital role in the maintenance of the rule of law to take action on various issues important to the international community including international peace and security, human rights, terrorism and sustainable development among others. All these issues are dynamic in nature, hence the importance of the work of this Special Committee.

Evolving from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Charter of the United Nations to the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening the Role of the Organization in 1975, with its mandates to consider the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects, including the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and the regional arrangements in the peaceful settlement of disputes, the Special Committee is a forum to deal with various multilateral issues with a purpose of gaining meaningful outcomes. Nepal supports the proposals put forward by the NAM group including the "Pacific Settlement of Disputes and its impact on the maintenance of peace" and

Nations and Regional Organizations". We also commend the progress made in the Committee last year by adopting a resolution to celebrate 50th anniversary of the International Court of Justice.

Given the urgent need of the day to revitalize the work of the Organization, my delegation believes this Special Committee has enormous potentials to examine the entire gamut of issues related to revitalization. The need to avoid duplications and overlaps of scopes of work among various related bodies suggest that we need to revitalize the Charter Committee. In any case, it is necessary to enhance cooperation and coordination among the Special Committee, Security Council, Ad Hoc Working Group of the revitalization on the work of the General Assembly, General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies with a view of maintaining coherence and synergies in their work and responsibilities, without duplicating the agendas. Also, the reform of the United Nations should be carried out in accordance with the principles and procedures enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, by preserving and strengthening the legal framework of this constitutional instrument.

Nepal also welcomes the efforts of the Secretariat of publishing the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council which help maintain the institutional memory of the Organization as well as reducing backlogs of documentation.

Mr. Chair,

In conclusion, my delegation remains committed to constructively engage throughout the session.

Thank you.