

**Statement by Minister-Counsellor Younghyo Park**  
**Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations**  
**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and**  
**on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**  
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Thank you, Madam Chair.

First of all, my delegation would like to extend our warm congratulations to you and other members of the Bureau on your elections and assure you of our full support and cooperation.

My delegation firmly believes that the UN sanctions are important tools under the Charter for ensuring the maintenance of international peace and security and we appreciate the Secretariat's efforts to enhance transparency in their implementation. We await with interest the Secretariat's briefing on general information and recent developments in this regard.

On the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes, my delegation notes that the Charter Committee has undertaken annual debates on the means of dispute settlement. We look forward to this year's debate on the use of conciliation and hope that during the debate on dispute settlement and its report we can avoid any internal disputes.

We commend the Secretariat for its efforts regarding the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire*. These publications are useful resources not only for Member States but also for academia and civil society. With this in mind, in addition to the sponsoring of a JPO to assist in the updating of the *Repertoire*, we are working on identifying competent academic institutions for possible cooperation on the *Repertory*.

Finally, we note with ongoing concern that many proposals and working papers of the Charter Committee are duplicative of the items of other fora of the UN or have little added value. This has led to lack of interest and participation from the majority of Member States. In view of the UN's increasingly limited resources, we need to seriously consider rationalizing the work of the Charter Committee, including the possibility of retiring stagnant proposals and working papers as well as meeting in alternate years.

Before concluding, with regard to the remarks made by the distinguished representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, my delegation would like to emphasize that the Charter Committee is not the appropriate forum to discuss the status of the United Nations Command. The position of the Republic of Korea on the UN Command has been consistently made clear on numerous occasions. As such, my delegation does not have any intention of repeating it here.

I thank you, Madam Chair.       /END/