



Statement by

**The Delegation of Indonesia
at the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

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Mr. Chair,

Indonesia would like to associate itself with the statement delivered by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

My delegation would also like to congratulate you, Mr. Chair, and other member of the Bureau, upon the well-deserved election as the Bureau of the Committee. Rest assured of our full support to your leadership.

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia commends the role of the Committee, and reiterates that the items discussed by the Committee is of paramount importance. This is particularly so nowadays, with the peoples of the world are facing the unprecedented crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic which exacerbate existing challenges.

The pandemic shows, more than ever, the need for our resolve and global solidarity, international cooperation and multilateralism with upholding the UN Charter and international law, as the virus does not discriminate, knows no borders, and ignores citizenship.

To this end, Indonesia is of the view that it is important for the UN to remain fit for purpose, and enhance its relevance. The UN must also deliver its works beyond rhetoric, and continue to anticipate an unpredictable future.

Against this backdrop, allow me to briefly touch on agenda items under the consideration of the Special Committee:

On the maintenance of international peace and security, we wish to highlight that sanctions, particularly targeted sanctions, should be in conformity with the UN Charter, and it should only be imposed as a last resort when all peaceful means have exhausted.

With respect to the proposals or working papers submitted by respective States to the Committee, Indonesia believes that the Committee needs to hold meaningful deliberation in order to examine such suggestions/proposals.

In this regard, we are ready to engage constructively in discussing different proposals including (i) the “Strengthening of the Role of United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security” by Libya; (ii) the “Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and Enhancing its Effectiveness” by Cuba, and (iii) the “request of an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice as to the legal consequences of the resort to the use of force by States without prior authorization by the Security Council, except in the exercise of the right to self-defence” by Belarus and the Russian Federation.

We support the recent proposal by the Philippines to encourage the United Nations and its Member States to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Manila Declaration, in 2022, as well as the work of the Committee on developing guidelines to facilitate the cooperation of the United Nations with regional organizations, which we believe in line with the Proposal of Ghana entitled ‘Strengthening the Relationship and Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Organizations or Arrangements in the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes’.

Furthermore, we take note the respective working papers submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and perceive these proposals deserve further deliberation by the Committee.

In addition, Indonesia wishes to express its appreciation of the work and progress made by the Secretariat of the Committee in preparing the Repertory of practice of the UN organ and Repertoire of the practice of the Security Council.

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia supports the annual thematic debate on the promotion of the peaceful settlement of disputes based on the provisions of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

In this regard, during the annual thematic debate we are ready to take part in sharing best practices on the arbitration as mean of peaceful settlement of disputes.

I thank you.
