

**Statement by Mr. Yagya Raj Poudyal, Second Secretary
Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations, at the meeting of the
Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on strengthening
the role of the United Nations
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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election to steer this session.

My delegation will extend its full support and cooperation in the discharge of your important responsibilities throughout the session.

I align my statement with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairman,

Nepal places abiding faith to the principles and purposes of the UN Charter, which are the guiding principles of our foreign policy.

We believe that the United Nations is the most legitimate and representative global body to seek solutions to the most pressing global issues confronting us in today's world. And, it is only with the enhanced efficiency and effectiveness that the United Nations can best deliver to achieve its objectives.

Nepal attaches great importance to the work of this Special Committee which is the only mandated body of the United Nations that can play an important role in upholding the UN Charter.

Although the Committee is the only mandated standing body to look into the issue of strengthening the role of the Organization, the agenda under the purview of this Committee is found to be discussed in other UN fora parallelly. We must avoid such overlaps and duplications.

It is also necessary to enhance cooperation and coordination among the relevant bodies, including the Special Committee, Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization, General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies and the Security Council, with a view to maintaining coherence and synergies in their work and responsibilities.

Furthermore, we view that the reform of the Organization should be carried out in accordance with the principles and procedures established by the Charter. We must continue to preserve the legal framework of the Charter as a constitutional instrument.

Mr. Chairman,

Nepal is committed to the principles of peaceful settlement of conflicts and disputes through negotiations and dialogues as well as other means as stipulated in the UN Charter.

In this context, Nepal highly values the crucial role of preventive diplomacy in conflict prevention and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Nepal appreciates the role of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, in the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In the case of threat to international peace and security, the Security Council must exercise its power for the pacific settlements of such threats. The sanctions imposed by the Security Council must be the last resort instrument. Adequate measures have to be taken to minimize the impact of sanctions on the third country and the general-public. Similarly, sanctions should not hinder humanitarian assistance from reaching the civilian population.

I conclude, **Mr. Chairman**, by expressing Nepal's appreciation for the efforts of the Secretariat in publishing the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council which are important sources of reference. We also wish to appreciate the continuing efforts of the Secretariat to eliminate the backlog in their preparation.

I thank you for your attention.