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Mr. Chair,

At the outset we would like to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau on your election and wish you all success in guiding the work of the Committee.

As the cornerstone of the international law and the multilateral system, the Charter of the United Nations plays an indispensable role in maintenance of the international peace and security. The Charter reaffirmed the commitment to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, and to uphold the fundamental human rights, and human dignity.

Armenia fully adheres to the purposes and principles of the Charter, which are mutually reinforcing and have primary significance for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The UN Charter rests upon the objective of developing friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples. This inalienable right is enshrined in a number of binding fundamental international instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, entitling all peoples to freely determine, without external interference, their political status and to pursue their economic, social and cultural development. As a peremptory norm of the international law, the right to self-determination should be upheld at all times, whereby the use of force against this inalienable right under any pretext, constitutes a fundamental threat to the international peace and security.

Mr. Chair,

In light of the evolving global challenges prohibition of the use of force and threat of force and a strict adherence to peaceful settlement of disputes are vital for the promoting international peace and security.

The role prescribed to the regional arrangements under Chapter VIII of the UN Charter has a critical importance for the maintenance of the international peace and security, prevention and prompt reaction to the traditional and emerging global threats and challenges, in line with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and the international law.

Consistent support of the Secretary-General and the United Nations to activities of the internationally mandated mediation formats dealing with conflict prevention and resolution within the framework of regional organizations is of utmost importance for mainstreaming the efforts of the international community to achieve comprehensive and lasting settlement of conflicts.

Armenia reiterates its unwavering commitment to the strengthening of the United Nations and adapting it to the global challenges to peace and security in order to help fulfil the aspirations of the UN Charter and the purposes and principles of international law in their entirety.

Thank you.