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**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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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

At the outset, my delegation would like to extend its warm congratulations to you and the other members of the Bureau on your elections and assure you of our full support and cooperation. My delegation also thank the staff of the UN Secretariat for the assistance in preparing this meeting.

Mr. Chair,

With regard to the agenda item “Maintenance of International peace and security”, my delegation continues to firmly believe that UN sanctions remain an important tool, under the Charter, for ensuring the maintenance and restoration of international peace and security, and we appreciate the Secretariat’s efforts to enhance transparency in their implementation.

In this regard, we await tomorrow's briefing by DESA and DPPA which will foster better understanding of the need and usefulness of the instrument of sanction and the recent developments related to it.

Concerning the item entitled "Peaceful Settlement of Disputes", we look forward to a useful thematic debate which will be focused on the judicial settlement, and hope that we can discuss and share views on this item in a constructive way.

Mr. Chair,

Turning now to the Repertory and Repertoire, my delegation would like to take this opportunity to commend the Secretariat for its ongoing efforts and progress to reduce the backlog of these publications; which are beneficial resources for Member States, academia, and civil society and simultaneously strengthen multi-stakeholder partnership goals.

In this context, My delegation would also like to express gratitude to Korea University which had been participating the work regarding the publication of the Repertory and Repertoire.

Finally, and with regard to the agenda item "Ways and means of improving working methods", my delegation notes with concern that many duplicative proposals could lead to a lack of interest and participation from the Member States. Considering the UN's limited resources at this juncture, we need to seriously and continuously ponder streamlining this Committee's work.

My delegation would also like to reiterate the importance of consistency between the activities of the Charter Committee and the other principal organs of the UN.

In this context, my delegation urges Member States to refrain from pursuing topics which had more appropriately been raised in other forum and to stop using this Committee as a forum for political propaganda by raising irrelevant topics such as bilateral political issues.

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

I thank you, Mr. Chair.