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on the Charter of the United Nations
and on Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

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Chairperson,

At the outset, I would like to warmly congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election and assure you of my Delegation's full support.

My Delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and would like to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

Chairperson,

The Charter of the United Nations, especially its purposes and principles, occupies a special place in and forms the basis of Viet Nam's foreign policy.

The Charter plays a crucial role in guiding the international community, especially in time of turmoils, be it armed conflict, tension, changing climate or pandemic.

That was why Viet Nam organized an open debate of the Security Council on Upholding the Charter of the United Nations in January 2020. The Presidential Statement adopted by the Council still serves as a sobering guidance two years later.

At this session, I wish to highlight the following points:

First, on “Maintenance of international peace and security”, we believe that, first and foremost, all countries should recommit themselves to international law and the Charter, not just by word but also by deed. Our Organization can be as strong as each individual member.

While the UN plays an indispensable role at the global level, regional organizations can and should play more active and concrete roles at regional and subregional levels, appropriate to regional contexts. The complementarities between the global organization and its regional partners can be critical to achieving sustainable peace and development. Viet Nam supports stronger relations and cooperation between the UN and regional organizations. In our two presidencies of the Security Council in January 2020 and April 2021, Viet Nam held respectively a briefing on UN-ASEAN cooperation and an open debate on UNSC and regional organizations.

On the question of sanctions, while reaffirming our commitment to seriously implementing UNSC resolutions, we have consistently expressed our view that sanctions should be imposed only when other means have failed in addressing threats to international peace and security. They should be sought as a temporary tool, not an end in themselves, should be designed to avoid causing unwanted humanitarian consequences and sufferings of the people, and should be applied in conformity with the Charter and international law.

Second, on “Peaceful Settlement of Disputes”, we strongly supports the continued discussion of this important issue. States should actively seek to settle their disputes in accordance with the Charter, especially with its Article 33. We welcome the focuses of the Special Committee in 2021 and 2022 on arbitration and judicial settlement.

These tools have been resorted to time and again by members states to effectively and conclusively deal with their disputes peacefully. The legal frameworks and the institutions are available and time-proven, not only those

established under the Charter, but also those established under global international treaties. The 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, for example, provides comprehensive framework and institutions for parties to solve their differences, including territorial and maritime disputes. These should be further employed and strengthened. We look forward to discussing further on this issue as well as learning from best practices shared by member states regarding the use of judicial settlement.

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, let us all reiterate our commitment to it, especially to the principle of peaceful settlement of disputes and to making “full use of the Charter of the United Nations, including the procedures and means provided for therein, particularly Chapter VI”.

My Delegation will actively engage in and work closely with all delegations during this session with a view to a successful conclusion.

I thank you.