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Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me at the outset to join the other delegations in welcoming you and the other members of the Bureau as well as express my delegation's gratitude to the Secretariat for the preparation of the meeting.

I would also like to join in the statements delivered earlier today on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, respectively, and present some additional remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

The world is facing two dangerous trends, among others, within the United Nations and beyond in the international arena. First, illegal attempts are being taken in order to exclude not only States from their participation but also from enjoying their membership within different bodies of the UN. Such attempts intend to shape the UN into a monopoly of likeminded countries while simultaneously depriving others from participating in the world's political life. This dangerous trend reminds us the fate of the failed League of Nations. Second, the heightening of tensions resulting from geopolitical rivalries have negatively affected all aspects of human life and prevented the peaceful settlement of



international disputes. The current atmosphere, which resonates the era of the Cold War, is spilling over within the UN by tabling divisive resolutions, forming artificial hierarchies among conflicts and situations with similar natures and scopes as well as distracting the UN system from its most pending issues. Bearing these trends in mind, I regret that we must come to this conclusion that there are strong indications that multilateralism and multipolar systems do not serve some specific countries anymore. If this is the case, it is high time, if not already too late, that urgent action be taken by Member States regarding the fate of our organization as well as the future of our world.

In this regard, my delegation strongly believes that the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization is the only durable mechanism within the UN framework to discuss issues related to the UN Charter, strengthening of the role of the Organization as well as upholding its principles. The Special Committee has been successful in producing some of the most important documents of the UN containing the principles of international law governing international relations, some of which even were produced during the domination of the Cold War. The Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes (1982), the Declaration on the Prevention and Removal of Disputes and Situations which May Threaten International Peace and Security and on the Role of the United Nations in this Field (1988), and Declaration on Fact-finding by the United Nations in the Field of the Maintenance of International Peace and Security (1991) are among those fundamental documents.

We strongly recommend the Charter Committee continues its unique role with the same spirit.



Mr. Chairman,

My delegation supports any proposal that contributes to strengthening and promoting its well-established role that can, in turn, ultimately strengthen the UN. Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity and express our continued support for the proposal of Cuba on strengthening the role of the UN and enhancing its effectiveness.

With that in mind, we also acknowledge and uphold the Committee as it is entrusted to address important issues related to international peace and security as well as the pacific settlement of disputes.

In this regard, we reiterate our support to the joint proposal of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus to seek, through the General Assembly, the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the resort to the use of force without authorization by the Security Council, except in the exercise of the right to self-defense. We also welcome the consideration of the Working Paper submitted by Mexico entitled “Analysis of the application of Articles 2 (4) and 51 of the Charter of the United Nations”.

Regarding the sanctions imposed by the United Nations, while the imposition of Security Council sanctions under Chapter VII of the UN Charter have a paramount effect on the political life of countries as well as their peoples, unfortunately such sanctions that are introduced or lifted have also been completely dependent on the political will of a small number of Member States. There should be pre-established standards or criteria for recognizing relevant situations or cases as enshrined in the Charter while determining and imposing sanctions.



Mr. Chairman,

Under the agenda item “working method and identification of new subjects”, my delegation submitted a proposal entitled “Obligations of Member States in relation to unilateral coercive measures: guidelines on ways and means to prevent, remove, minimize and redress the adverse impacts of unilateral coercive measures” in 2020. Considering the recent developments, including the different resolutions of the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, my delegation intends to reintroduce its revised proposal circulated in document A/AC.182/L.161 under the agenda item “working method and identification of new subjects”. We invite all Member States to review this revised proposal and engage in its discussion with a view to improve the legal framework in standing against unilateral coercive measures. We also request the Charter Committee to annex the revised proposal to its report.

Mr. Chairman,

We also welcome the consideration of the Working Paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic entitled “Privileges and immunities enjoyed by representatives of the Members of the United Nations and officials of the Organization that are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization” which was presented within this Committee in 2020.



Mr. Chairman,

We attach particular importance to the annual thematic debate under the agenda item on the peaceful settlement of disputes, which contributes to the more efficient and effective use of peaceful means while promoting a culture of peace among Member States. We look forward to useful deliberations during this session of the Special Committee, including within the thematic debate on the subtopic “Exchange of information on States practices regarding the resort to regional agencies or arrangements”.

In conclusion, **Mr. Chairman**, my delegation expresses its appreciation to those delegations that put forward valuable and productive proposals during the previous Sessions of the Special Committee. We invite all Member States to engage constructively on proposals as well as on the improvement of the work of the Committee. We reiterate the need for genuine political will in order to advance the long-standing issues pending before it.

Thank you