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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations at the 2023 Session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

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**Mr. Chair,**

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to you and the other Bureau members on your election to this Special Committee.

Please, count on my delegation's full support throughout the Committee Session.

I associate myself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

We thank the UN Secretary-General for his Repertory of Practice of the United Nations Organs as well as Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council.

**Mr. Chair,**

Nepal upholds its sincere faith in the purposes and principles of the United Nations, multilateralism and peaceful settlement of disputes adhering to international law.

Nepal attaches great importance to the relevance of the Special Committee on the Charter of the UN on the strengthening of the role of the organization. It has provided a unique platform to consider all proposals concerning the maintenance of international peace and security, fostering cooperation among member states for the peaceful resolution of disputes and promotion of international law.

Unlike last year, Nepal is looking forward to the consensus outcome of this session. Bilateral concerns should not be allowed to impede the work of this Committee.

The Special Committee has made a significant contribution to the process of UN reform, revitalization, and organizational empowerment through legal perspectives. A better balance and close collaboration should be maintained in the work of the main organs of the United Nations namely the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. Encroachment, duplication and overlapping should be avoided among these organs. It is indispensable that coherence and synergy in the work of the principal UN organs be maintained for the enhancement of the focus, efficiency, and effectiveness of the entire Organization to make it fit for purposes.

**Mr. Chair,**

Nepal reaffirms the instrumental role of the peaceful settlement of international disputes for global peace to prosper. We emphasize the meaningful use of consultation, negotiation, as well as political

dialogue as primary tools for the lasting resolution of disputes. Hosting a dedicated website as well as updating the 'Handbook' on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes may be useful for further references in the future.

We deeply appreciate the role of the International Court of Justice as well as the collaboration of the UN and other regional organizations and agencies for the settlement of disputes peacefully.

Nepal reiterates that sanctions imposed by the Security Council should be employed only as a last resort and in accordance with the Charter and other rules of international law, taking into account human rights, refugees and international humanitarian law. The objectives, timeframe, conditions, and periodical review of the application of such sanctions should be clearly defined. The socio-economic and humanitarian consequences of such sanctions should be thoroughly assessed. Adequate and appropriate measures must be employed to minimize the unintended adverse effects on the lives of innocent civilians.

This committee, under its mandate, should navigate its work on relevant proposals on good offices; procedures envisaged in the Charter and other international instruments; adaptation or combination of traditional means; exchange of information and communication; and Implementation and Compliance Committees.

**Mr. Chair,**

Nepal applauds the hard work of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs on reducing the backlog of *the Repertory of Practice of the United Nations Organs*, particularly volume III, and updating the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*. In this regard, we appreciate the contributions made to the trust fund, the sponsorship of associate experts in updating the publication, as well as the involvement of academic institutions and researchers. As these works are the most useful reference resources of the UN, there should not be any compromise on the quality of work.

In conclusion, **Mr. Chair**, Nepal stands for strong, effective and efficient UN and multilateralism that tackles today's interlocking challenges for the realization of the central promise of international peace and security, human rights and sustainable development.

I thank you.