

**DRAFT STATEMENT**

**SPECIAL CHARTER COMMITTEE**

**UNDER AGENDA ITEM 1 GENERAL DEBATE**

**Mr. Chairperson,**

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of Uganda. Uganda aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

**Chairperson,** I would like to thank the Chair of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, the members of the Bureau, as well as the Secretariat for the work undertaken during the 2022 session and for the report contained in document [A/77/33](#) on the work of the Special Committee during the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.

Peaceful settlement of disputes is one of the fundamental pillars of the work of the United Nations and its principles and objectives, in accordance with Chapter VI of the Charter, in particular the means set forth in Article 33. My delegation stresses that it is important to resort to all peaceful means of settling disputes as stated in Article 33 of the United Nations Charter and voices its support for the Special Committee's willingness to continue analyzing all means there envisaged.

Uganda reemphasizes the notion that the principles and rules contained in Article 33 (1) of the UN Charter are indispensable in preserving and strengthening the rule of law at the international level. Therefore, the Member States of the United Nations should renew their pledge to uphold, preserve and promote the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law with the purpose of further advancing towards the achievement of full respect of international law.

**Chairperson,** it is also worth recalling that, among the major achievements of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations, is the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, which is celebrating its 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary this year. As it constitutes a legal framework which contributes to a better understanding and promotion of international law and the provisions of the Charter, Uganda hopes this anniversary of the

Manila Declaration will encourage delegations to revisit the peaceful settlement of disputes underscored under Article 33 of the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Chair, we welcome the explanatory note prepared by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the other peaceful means of dispute settlement contain in **document A/AC.182/L.162** . The explanatory note provides an explanation on the identified means of peaceful settlement of disputes in the following consecutive order: 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”. We thank the NAM and recommend the note be annexed to the documents of the meeting.

**Mr. Chairperson,** in conclusion, we look forward to the fruitful exchange this year, which will focus on the subtopic entitled “Exchange of information on States practices regarding the resort to regional agencies or arrangements.”.

**I thank you for your kind attention.**