

STATEMENT

SPECIAL CHARTER COMMITTEE

UNDER AGENDA ITEM “EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON STATE PRACTICES REGARDING THE RESORT TO REGIONAL AGENCIES OR ARRANGEMENTS”

Mr. Chairperson,

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

Chairperson, Uganda welcomes the introduction of the subtopic on the “Exchange of information on State practices regarding the resort to regional agencies or arrangements” in op.5(a) of resolution 77/109 as a solid foundation for discussion in order to enhance the culture of the peaceful settlement of disputes through appropriate mechanisms.

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. Mr. Chair, The comparative advantage of Regional and Sub-Regional organizations must be emphasized, respected and taken into consideration while establishing and strengthening the Peaceful settlement of disputes. Chapter VIII in the Charter of the United Nations article 52 stipulates that, "Nothing in the present Charter precludes the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, provided that such arrangements or agencies and their activities are consistent with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations"

Chairperson, Peaceful settlement of disputes is closely linked to security and development and should be pursued simultaneously. In the recent period we have seen some progress in our quest for peaceful settlement of disputes in our region. Uganda working with partners in the African region and beyond continues to support and

advance peaceful settlement of disputes in the region. We remain actively involved in regional initiatives such as those of the African Union (AU), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), East African Community (EAC), International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), and are encouraged by the progress that we continue to make. We believe that long term and sustainable solutions lie in these collaborative processes.

Mr. Chair, The international community and the United Nations in particular should therefore continue to support conflict prevention initiatives undertaken by these regional and sub-regional organizations. Experience has shown that when and where this happened the chances of success have been high.

Mr. Chairperson, allow me to reiterate Uganda's support for the 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.

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.