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Statement delivered by Mr. Gayatri Bahadur Poudel, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations at the 2024 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 congratulate you and the other members of the Bureau on your election to steer the Committee's 2024 session.

I assure you of my delegation's full support throughout the session.

I associate myself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and wish to make a few points in my national capacity.

## Mr. Chair,

Nepal attaches great importance to the relevance of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization as it aims to empower the United Nations in fulfilling its purposes enshrined in the Charter. And it is even more prominent at a time of multiple crises.

The Committee has provided a unique platform to examine various proposals regarding the maintenance of international peace and security, fostering cooperation among member states, and the promotion of the rules of international law as mandated by resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975.

We firmly believe that adherence to the UN Charter in the conduct of international relations can only consolidate international peace and security.

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.

Nepal strongly upholds the principles of sovereign equality, peaceful co-existence, non-interference, and prohibition of the threat or use of force.

#### Mr. Chair,

My delegation supports the inclusion of the peaceful settlement of disputes in the agenda. It is of utmost significance in promoting peace and security. In this regard, we emphasize that the committee should sufficiently dwell on it to bring out its application and outcome in international affairs and encourage the member states to its broader use.

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.

My delegation also takes note with appreciation for the efforts made by the Secretary-General and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for the progress made in the preparation of studies for reducing the backlog of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* as well as the progress made towards updating the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*. They serve as valuable sources of reference to interested students and academics.

# Mr. Chair,

Regarding the revitalization of the work of the United Nations, my delegation believes that the Special Committee has enormous potential to examine the entire gamut of issues related to the revitalization of the work of the UN. To this end, duplication and overlaps of the scope of works of various related bodies should be avoided and cooperation and coordination among them should be enhanced.

Nepal supports the idea of continuing to consider, on a priority basis, ways and means of improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency and effectiveness. We need inclusive and effective multilateralism to better respond to and deliver on the people's and the planet's needs.

In conclusion, **Mr. Chair**, Nepal stands for robust, effective, efficient, and credible UN capable of addressing the multitude of challenges both of present and the future.

## I Thank you.