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I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Delegation of the Republic of Uganda. My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

My delegation congratulates you on assuming the chair of the charter committee and wishes you all the best during the session.

Uganda continues to attach great importance to the work of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. The charter committee has over time produced a number of documents in the form of declarations and resolutions like the Manila declaration that was negotiated and adopted by the charter committee in 1982 and is one of the many major achievements of the committee which demonstrates the committee's presence as a forum to clarify and promote general international law and charter provisions. My delegation would like to urge that the handbook on the peaceful settlement of disputes be updated to reflect current developments and practices from member states with regard to the peaceful settlement of disputes.

My Delegation would like to make the following observations on general debate: Uganda reaffirms and underscores its principled position and commitment with regard to the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the relevant United Nations resolutions, including those adopted by the Security Council. The strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution, confidence building, national reconciliation, and post-conflict peace building, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and development contributes to strengthening of international peace and security and to saving future generations from the scourge of war and armed conflict.

Uganda proceeds from the strict belief that the observance of the principles of international law and the fulfilment in good faith of the obligations assumed by States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, are of the greatest importance for the maintenance of international peace and security. Stemming from that, in cases where violations of international law take place, those responsible must be held accountable, to prevent their recurrence and seek sustainable peace, justice, truth and reconciliation. Otherwise, impunity will go rampant, and perpetrators would be de facto encouraged to continue pursuing their crimes.

The charter committee provides a channel of communication between Member States and the UN Secretariat regarding all aspects of the introduction and implementation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Annex to General Assembly resolution 64/115 of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009. It is important to note that this document is the product of the Charter Committee and provides a comprehensive as well as balanced approach to the issue of UN Sanctions.

The Charter Committee convenes this year at an opportune time to discuss the topic good offices. Good offices play a role in the peaceful settlement of disputes, that is good offices. Uganda supports the further strengthening of good offices like the African union in accordance with Chapter VIII of the UN Charter, in the areas of peacebuilding and we call

upon the United Nations and international community to intensify support for peace-processes led by the African Union in different security council resolutions.

In the settlement of disputes through peaceful means, Uganda re-emphasizes the main objective and allegiance to which all UN members pledged as contained in the UN Charter, Article 1, "to bring about peace by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to the breach of peace". In this context, Uganda adheres to the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice to which we reaffirm our commitment to the settlement of any disputes with our neighbors. The legal framework of the ICJ in the settlement of disputes through peaceful means is no longer in doubt. We urge Member States to make the most effective use of existing procedures and methods for the prevention of disputes and their peaceful settlement, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. In the same line, we acknowledge the important role played by the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International disputes, and in commemoration of its anniversary. We reiterate our total support and commitment for the principles for which it stands.

We welcome the progress and the efforts undertaken by the Secretariat to clear the backlog in the preparation of the Repertoire of Practice of United Nations organs and the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council. We recognize that both Repertoire practices contribute to the institutional foundation of the Organization and are valuable research tools for the international community, with particular relevance to the diplomatic community. We therefore encourage UN Member States to make additional contributions to the two trust funds established to facilitate the preparation of the publications.

In conclusion, my delegation look forward to fruitful discussions during the session of the charter committee. We must as members of the United Nations continue to utilize and implement the methods of peaceful settlement of disputes in fostering international peace and security.