STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour and great pleasure to introduce the report of the 2014 session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, contained in Supplement No. 33 (A/69/33).

The Special Committee met in New York from 18 to 26 February 2014 and continued its deliberations on the questions mandated by General Assembly resolution 68/115. It may be recalled that in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Committee was requested:

"(*a*) To continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations and, in this context, to consider other proposals relating to the maintenance of international peace and security already submitted or which may be submitted to the Special Committee at its session in 2014;

(b) To continue to consider, in an appropriate, substantive manner and framework, including the frequency of its consideration, the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter based on all of the related reports of the Secretary-General and the proposals submitted on the question;

(c) To keep on its agenda the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States;

(*d*) To consider, as appropriate, any proposal referred to it by the General Assembly in the implementation of the decisions of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly in September 2005 that concern the Charter and any amendments thereto;

(e) To continue to consider, on a priority basis, ways and means of improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency and utilization of resources with a view to identifying widely acceptable measures for future implementation;"

The final section of Chapter II of the Report, Section E, in paragraphs 40 to 43, reflects the work of the Special Committee on the working paper submitted by Cuba on **the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness: adoption of recommendations.**

Mr. Chairman,

The item entitled "**Peaceful settlement of disputes**" is set out in Chapter III of the Report in paragraphs 44 to 53. In addition to a general exchange of views, summarized in paragraphs 44 to 47, discussions on the proposals introduced by the Russian Federation to establish a website dedicated to the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and to prepare an update of the 1992 *Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States*, are summarized in paragraphs 48 to 53.

The discussions on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council by the Committee are summarized in Chapter IV of the Report in paragraphs 54 to Paragraph 78 of Section B, concerning the identification of new subjects, reflect