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promoted the solution of the international and regional hot spot issues by peaceful means. When doing the related work, China has adhered to the principle of non-interference in internal affairs ,respected the sovereignty and will of the countries concerned, upheld objectivity and impartiality, resolutely opposed seeking self-interest, and acted in compliance with the purposes and principles of the Charter, thus making due contributions to maintaining the regional and international peace through its unremitting efforts.

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to the item of "introduction and implementation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations", China has always maintained that UN sanctions are not the end but the means, and should serve the political solutions of the relevant problems. The Security council should exercise prudence in its use of sanction measures which should be predicated upon the exhaustion of other non-enforcement measures, be consistent with the Charter and the relevant principles of international law so as to minimize the impact on the general population and third states. China believes that we should strictly abide by and implement the sanctions resolutions of the Security Council, and oppose the imposition of additional unilateral sanctions in contravention of the Charter and international law in order to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter and the authority of international law. Currently certain country is pursuing unilateralism and willfully imposing unilateral sanctions to the detriment of effectiveness and authority of the UN sanctions. Against such a background, this agenda item assumes heightened relevance and merits the continued and thorough discussions by the Committee.

Some countries proposed to seek an advisory opinion from the ICJ on

the legal consequences of the resort to the use of force by states without prior authorization of the Security Council,