

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Item 82: **Report 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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We continue to support the proposal of Cuba on strengthening the role of the UN and enhancing its effectiveness.

We also reaffirm our support for Ghana's proposal on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the UN and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Ghana's proposal is consistent with the Manila Declaration. It expresses a felt necessity to fill the gaps in the UN's work by improving coordination with regional organizations in enforcement actions and conflict prevention, and by clarifying the Security Council's role in these matters. We support the development of Guidelines by the Special Committee on this.

On the subtopic for the next annual thematic debate, we support the recommendation of the Special Committee that the focus be on "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of conciliation".

We welcome the report on the Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions. We continue to believe that the imposition of sanctions should be considered as a last resort, and not as a preventive measure. They should be imposed only when it is determined that there exists a threat to international peace and security or an act of aggression, in accordance with the UN Charter.

With regard to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*, while we note that there is still a backlog, we also note with appreciation progress made in the preparation of *Repertory* studies and in their posting on the Internet in three languages. We also support the use of the internship programme of the United Nations and the cooperation with academic institutions for the preparation of studies. We will work on identifying academic institutions that can contribute to the preparation of studies for the *Repertory*; and support the initiative of the Secretariat to invite academic institutions to which members of the International Law Commission are affiliated to consider contributing to the preparation of studies.

Finally Mr. Chair, we also note progress made towards updating the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*, and stress the importance of it being made available electronically in all its language versions.

Thank you.