



Statement

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role of the UN as well as the promotion of the rules of international law. It has since produced several useful and pertinent documents, including the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes and the Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes. My Delegation wishes to reaffirm its appreciation and consistent support for the work of the Committee. In this regard, we support meaningful and constructive consideration of the working paper submitted by Cuba on the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness.

During its 2020 session, the Committee continued to focus on upholding the principle of the UN Charter on the peaceful settlement of disputes and had fruitful exchange of information on States practice regarding the use of conciliation. This particular means of dispute settlement has proved to possess several advantages. Premised on States' consent, conciliation can be flexible in terms of its procedures and outcome while confidentiality and a cordial atmosphere can be preserved. It provides the parties with an objective assessment of the disputed situation, thus paving the way for a possible agreed solution to the conflict concerned. Nevertheless, conciliation has been rarely used by States. We call on all concerned parties to explore all peaceful means, including conciliation, to settle their disputes and on relevant partners, including the UN, international and regional organizations, to support these efforts. We welcome the Special Committee's intention to dedicate its thematic discussion in 2021 to the subtopic "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of arbitration". The information and best practice raised by Member States as well as new developments in peaceful settlement of disputes identified during these discussion can be a useful source of reference and inputs for updating the Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States, which is the proposal submitted by the Russian Federation.

In closing, Chairperson, I would like to reiterate m