



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

By

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and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization"

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Thank you, Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

Mr./Madam Chair,

We thank the Special Committee on the Charter for its report on the work in 2002. We welcome the opportunity to provide our comments.

Regarding sanctions imposed by the United Nations discussed under the item *Maintenance*, we would like to reiterate our position. The Security Council applies UN sanctions for a variety of reasons to support peaceful transitions, deter non-constitutional changes, combat terrorism, protect human rights and promote non international peace and security. The EU implements those sanctions in a full and timely manner. Security Council Resolutions as well as designation decisions of the sanctions committees are swiftly incorporated into EU law. The EU supports work at UN level regarding implementation support, guidance and capacity.

With regard to the "*Peaceful settlement of disputes*", we welcome the opportunity to discuss in the 2022 session of the Special Committee practices regarding the use of judicial settlement. Focused exchange of information, like this one, are enriching and benefit the wider UN membership.

Regarding the "*Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*", we welcome the progress made towards the elimination of the backlog in preparing the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council. We express our gratitude to those that have made voluntary contributions to the trust fund, including EU Member States, which enabled such progress.

Lastly, Mr./Madam Chair, we strongly encourage the Special Committee to reflect on its agenda and working methods. The Special Committee was established by the General Assembly at its twentieth session (1974) to consider any specific proposals that its Members might make with a view to enhancing the ability of the United Nations to achieve its purposes, as well as other suggestions for a more effective functioning of the United Nations. In that connection, we not