

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

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

The Candidate Countries Serbia, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina, the potential candidate country Georgia, and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Monaco and San Marino align themselves with this statement.

Mr. Chair,

The EU and its Member States engaged constructively in the debate of the Special Committee on the Charter earlier this year. We welcome the opportunity to provide our remarks on its work.

First, we welcomed the annual briefing on UN sanctions. The EU firmly believes that UN sanctions must be implemented in full compliance with international law, in particular international humanitarian law and international human rights law. UN sanctions must be fair and clear and respect the rights of listed persons, including procedural rights. The EU is fully committed to preserving the humanitarian space. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2661 introducing a humanitarian carve-out to asset freeze measures across UN sanctions regimes. We welcome the reference to the Haiti Resolution 2653 to the

Al Qaida sanctions regimes.

Secondly, we were pleased to participate in the thematic debate on the resort to regional agencies or arrangements as a peaceful means of dispute settlement. We look forward to discussing other means of peaceful settlement of disputes in the next session of the Special Committee. As indicated on previous occasions, we see merit in discussing topics that are political and that do not duplicate discussions elsewhere in the United Nations.

Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

Lastly, we recall that last March, the Special Committee on the Charter concluded its work without the adoption of a substantive report. We would like to mark our disappointment with the fact that for the second consecutive year, a substantive report could not be adopted due to opposition by one delegation to put on record what has been discussed in the room.

We look forward to fruitful exchanges on this agenda item.

I thank you
