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Mr. Chair,

5. Let us also recall that the struggle of peoples under foreign and alien occupation for self-determination and national liberation is legitimate under international law and they have the right to use all possible means in this struggle to achieve their freedom. It is the suppression of this struggle, which is illegal. Under the Charter, States have the right of self-defense against attacks on their sovereignty and territorial integrity. Yet, a State which is in forcible occupation of a foreign territory, cannot justify its actions

- i) The Security Council should be comprehensively reformed through the Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN) process already underway to make it more transparent, more representative, more accountable, more democratic and more effective.
- ii) Since the General Assembly is the most representative organ of the United Nations, it is vital to utilize its full potential to achieve  
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- iii) 7KH 81 ¶ V PXOWLWDWHUDO GLVDUPDPHQW PHFK (the First Committee) should be activated to fulfill their assigned functions on the basis of agreed principles and objectives, in particular the Declaration and Programme of Action of SSOD-I.
- iv) As envisaged in its founding resolutions, the advisory and bridging role of the PBC should be strengthened to facilitate more informed decision-making by the Security Council, the General Assembly and ECOSOC through more extensive informal dialogues between the PBC, the Security Council, the Assembly and ECOSOC.
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