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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to thank the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Charter and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, Mr. Marcel Van Den Bogaard and the members of its Bureau for the comprehensive report presented on the work of the Special Committee during its 2014 annual session.

My Delegation aligns itself with the statements made respectively by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and South Africa on behalf of the African Group, and would like to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

We reiterate our support to the work of the Special Committee on the Charter as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 3499; and stress the important role of the Special Committee in the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

We reaffirm the relevance of the provisions of Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, as approved by the General Assembly in 1982.

My delegation considers relevant all the proposals and working papers submitted respectively by Venezuela, Belarus and Russia, Cuba and Libya ; and looks forward to engaging on the revised drafts of these proposals during the upcoming session of the Special Committee.

We are of the view that the Special Committee should maintain the consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions.

My delegation is also of the view that sanctions should be applied cautiously as a last resort and within a clear framework in order to minimize any adverse consequences on vulnerable groups, civilian populations and on third States. Furthermore, my delegation considers the question of lifting sanctions and their timeframe of utmost importance, including the possibility of setting sunset clauses.

Mr. Chairman,

We do emphasize the need to fully respect the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its provisions related to functions and powers of each principal organ of our Organization and to maintain the right balance among these organs, mainly, the balance of competence between the General Assembly and the Security Council.

My delegation would like also to voice its conviction that the whole process of the reform of the United Nations, including the revitalization of the General Assembly will certainly benefit from the activities of the Special Committee, particularly if we manage within the Special Committee to reach agreement on the initiative aiming to create an "Open-ended working Group to study the proper implementation of the Charter of the United Nations with respect to the functional relationship of its main organs, in particular the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council".

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to enhancing the efficiency of the working methods of the Special Committee, we consider that exploring new approaches is of utmost importance to reinvigorate the work of the Special Committee. In this regard, my delegation recalls the need for genuine political will in order to advance the long standing issues included in the agenda.

I would like to conclude by welcoming the progress made in the publication and updating of the Repertory of Practice of the United Nations organs, as well as the Repertoire of practice of the Security Council.

I thank you