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GHANA'S STATEMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE CHARTER
COMMITTEE ON STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP AND
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND
REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OR AGENCIES IN THE PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES FROM 10TH OCTOBER, 2017 AT
THE UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

10TH OCTOBER, 2017

Thank you, Mr. Chairman for giving me the floor to make some remarks on agenda item 83.

My delegation will like to join others in thanking the Chair of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the Role of the Organization for the report as contained document A/72/33.

My delegation wishes to associate itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished delegates of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Algeria on behalf of the NAM and the African Group respectively. We note, in particular, the reference to Ghana's working paper on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and Regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes by the African group.

Mr. Chairman,

Following discussions held at the Informal Meeting of the Special Committee of the Charter, our delegation sought further consultations with other interested delegations as well as relevant agencies in the capital to come out with a proposal that will find

consensus amongst all delegations as well as addressing the issues raised during the informal meeting. In particular, some delegations were of the view that our proposal will be duplicative taking into consideration other existing agreements/declarations/UN Resolutions and our proposal. I am glad to inform the Committee that my delegation will be in a position to submit a revised proposal for consideration during the next session of the Special Charter Committee, taking into account the following resolutions:

- General Assembly resolution 37/10 of 15 November 1982 which adopted the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes,
- The Declaration on the Prevention and Removal of Disputes and Situations Which May Threaten International Peace and Security and on the Role of the United Nations in this Field (GA resolution 43/51 of 5 December 1988),
- The Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in

The Maintenance of International Peace and Security (GA resolution 49/57 of 9 December 1994),

- The Conclusions of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization concerning the rationalization of existing United Nations procedures (GA resolution 45/45 of 28 November 1990),
- The United Nations Model Rules for the Conciliation of Disputes between States (GA resolution 50/50 of 11 December 1995) as well as the mandate of the Security Council as stipulated in Article 54 of the UN Charter.

Mr. Chairman

It may be noted that Ghana's proposal seeks to identify the gaps that exist in all these resolutions in the light of current developments in the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and Regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In closing, I wish to convey my delegation's appreciation to all delegations for the support for our proposal and call for comments/recommendations on further improving the paper.

I thank you.