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ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL

CHARTER COMMITTEE ON OF THE UNITED NATIONS

AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE

OF THE ORGANIZATION, ITEM 85

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman for giving me the floor to make some remarks on agenda item 85 in my national capacity.

My delegation would 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/73/33.

My delegation wishes to associate itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished delegates of the Islamic Republic of Iran and The Gambia 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 in paragraphs 42 to 46 of the report and by the African group.

Mr. Chairman,

Following discussions held at the 2018 Session of the Special Committee of the Charter, our delegation sought further consultations with other interested delegations as well as relevant agencies in the Ghana to come out with a proposal that will find consensus amongst all delegations as well as addressing the issues raised during the Session. 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. My delegation submitted a revised paper which identified some of the gaps 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

My delegation wishes to emphasize 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. The rationales for engagement on peaceful settlement of disputes between the UN and Regional arrangements or agencies are numerous. Regional arrangements or agencies are closer to regional conflicts. They understand the dynamics of such conflicts, appreciate the specific needs for intervention, and know how it can be

organised and implemented as quickly and efficiently as possible. Again, the fluidity of conflict imposes a greater burden on Regional arrangements or agencies to act quickly to prevent conflict in one country spreading to contiguous states. There are myriad other reasons why the involvement of Regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes is indispensable and the UN has long recognised this. Notwithstanding, Regional arrangements or agencies do not always have the necessary resources to enable them respond appropriately to conflicts. The UN, on the other hand, may lack the required expertise or understanding of regional conflict dynamics to intervene alone; hence the need for partnership. Over the years, the UN has restated its desire to work more closely with Regional arrangements or agencies and attempted to create an acceptable framework. If this attempt is to succeed, two main issues must be addressed: the clarity of roles, the capacity of the Regional arrangements or agencies to engage with the UN, and the capacity of the UN to absorb the capacities of these arrangements or agencies in their responses to security situations in their regions. In the light of the aforesaid, my delegation will submit draft guidelines for consideration during the next Session of the Charter Committee meeting.

In closing, I wish to convey my delegation's appreciation to all delegations for the continuous support for our proposal.

I thank you.