



ARMENIA

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Explanation of Vote on the Draft Resolution A/C.6/74/L.12 Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Mr. Chair,

Armenia has asked for the floor for the explanation of vote on the draft resolution Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization A/C.6/74/L.12.

We acknowledge the role of the Special Committee in promoting the rule of law at the international level on the basis of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

We believe that in its work to encourage states to focus on the need to prevent and to settle peacefully their disputes the Special Committee should take into full account the activities of the internationally mandated conflict and dispute settlement mechanisms. Each dispute or conflict is unique by its root causes, essence, mediation format and principles of resolution. The Special Committee should be very cautious against attempts by some states to misuse its platform to propagate one-sided narratives.

Accordingly, the Special Committee should carefully examine the information provided by member-states before its reflection in the Report in order to avoid factual mistakes and distortion of the internationally accepted terminology. In this regard, while we understand that the paragraph 59 of the Report A/74/33 is a mere listing of mediation formats offered by some delegations, Armenia would like to reiterate its strong objection to the language, contained therein, related to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The reference to the title of the conflict, as reflected in the Report, is in total contradiction with the official terminology of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairmanship, the only internationally mandated mediation format, dealing with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The distorted formulation of the conflict was included at the last minute by the suggestion of a single delegation, thus promoting biased conflict perception.

Armenia therefore disassociates from consensus on the paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, containing reference to the Report of the Special Committee A/74/33.

Thank you.