



Bangladesh Statement by Tareq Md Ariful Islam, DPR

Sixth Committee of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly

Agenda item 82 : Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the Organization

Date and venue : 18 October 2019, Trusteeship Council Chamber

Mr. Chair,

Our delegation aligns itself with the Statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). We take note of the Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the Organization and the corresponding reports of the Secretary General.

Mr. Chair,

After being held hostage for quite a long time due to lack of sufficient political will, the Committee has got some momentum in its works in recent times while considering the means for the pacific settlement of disputes. Bangladesh believes that multilateralism remains as the strongest panacea for peaceful settlement of disputes and we support all efforts by international community including the UN in this regard. We urge all concerned to refrain from the threat or use of force, in view of States' obligation pursuant to the UN Charter. Whole so doing, the importance of State sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs of States should be kept in mind. We underscore the importance of preventative diplomacy in the peaceful settlement of disputes. Participation of women in all stages of conflict resolution is also of utmost importance.

We reaffirm the role of the International Court of Justice, as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, in promoting the peaceful settlement of disputes. Bangladesh highly values the usefulness of the Court's advisory opinions on legal questions in international dispute resolutions. We also seek the support of member states in taking forward the work and proceedings of ICJ.

Mr. Chairman,

Bangladesh firmly believes that the reform of the United Nations should be carried out in accordance with the principles and procedures established by the Charter and the legal framework of the Charter as a constitutional instrument should be preserved. We strongly support upholding the status of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations. A number of delegations reiterated their concern that the Security Council had encroached on the functions and powers of the Assembly and the ECOSOC. Also, another view was expressed by some delegations that the Assembly had, on occasion, gone beyond its mandate, in violation of Article 12 of the Charter, by beginning

debates on matters that were still being considered by the Security Council. We always believe in striking a right balance between the functions and powers of principal organs of the United Nations as envisaged by its Charter and the Special Committee is the apposite forum for examining the legal aspects of those issues.

Mr. Chairman,

The Charter Committee has made good contributions to the ongoing debate on the merits and demerits of sanctions regimes, especially when they hurt the interest of civilians of the target state or third parties. The sanctions regimes are often mired in legal and technical provisions that pose different layers of challenges in compliance at the national level. We stress on the conformity of imposition of any kind of sanctions with the UN charter and international law, and further this should be used as a last resort when there exists a threat to international peace and security, a breach of the peace or an act of aggression. We believe, the Charter Committee can help move forward the discussions in this regard on the periodicity and tenable legal grounds of sanction regimes.

Mr. Chairman,

Let me conclude by reiterating that it is the substance of the Committee's work that should guide its working methods. If there is collective political will to take forward the work of the Committee there should not be any major difficulty in further streamlining its working methods. Deferral should not be a fait accompli.

I thank you Mr. Chair.