

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (Agenda item 82)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/74/L.12

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Dear colleagues,

I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Bureau, the draft resolution on item 82, entitled “Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization”, which is contained in document A/C.6/74/L.12.

The draft resolution is based on the language of General Assembly resolution 73/206, with necessary technical updates, and incorporates the views expressed by delegations during the plenary debate and informal consultations on this item and the recommendations set forth in the latest report of the Special Committee (A/74/33).

Please allow me to briefly address the major changes to the resolution:

1. OP 2 sets out the dates for the next session of the Special Committee. In line with previous years, the session has been planned for 7 working days, from 18 to 26 February 2020.
2. OP3 concerning the mandate of the next session of the Special Committee includes in subparagraph (b) the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (Article 50 of the Charter) and the request for a report from the Secretary-General on this issue.
3. This is in line with the previous decision of the General Assembly in paragraph 2 of the Annex to resolution 71/146 adopted in 2016, according to which the Special Committee should consider the question concerning assistance to third States biennially since the

seventy-second session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General be requested to submit a report on this issue biennially. The same applies to OP5, which contains the associated request for a briefing by the Secretary-General on this issue to the Special Committee at its next session.

4. OP 6 (a) sets out the subtopic for the next thematic debate to be held during the next session, “Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of conciliation”, based on the recommendation of the Special Committee as contained in paragraph 61 of its report.
5. OPs 12-19 concerning the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire* replicate verbatim the recommendations contained in paragraph 77 of the report of the Special Committee, except for OP 14, where new language is added to express appreciation to contributions made by Member States other than those made to the trust funds.
6. Last, it should be noted that different views still exist on PP17 and OP1. Despite the efforts made in the past weeks through informal consultations and bilateral discussions, we have not been able to reach consensus on this issue. Therefore, I believe that the only feasible way is to follow the views of the majority and to submit the current version of the draft resolution to the Sixth Committee for further action.

This concludes my introduction of the draft resolution. In my view, the text reflects, to the most extent possible, the agreement among delegations. For this reason, I recommend that the Sixth Committee adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

Thank you.