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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We welcome the consideration of the report of the Charter Committee contained in document A/74/33 and other relevant reports under this agenda item.

First of all, we would like to commend the Secretary-General for his ongoing efforts regarding the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations organs*, and *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*. We believe that these publications are useful resources on the practices of United Nations organs. With this in mind, in addition to an associate expert my Government sponsored for updating the Repertoire, as Ms. Montejo mentioned yesterday, we will continue to explore any further ways to contribute to reducing the backlog in the preparation of the Repertory.

We would also like to express our appreciation for the briefings and efforts made by the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs to ensure procedural transparency in the implementation of UN sanctions as an important tool for the maintenance and restoration of international peace and security. Concerning the item entitled "Peaceful settlement of disputes", we are pleased to note that many delegations offered practical examples of mediation at this year's session. We look forward to active engagement with a thematic debate on States practices on the use of conciliation at the next session.

However, at the same time, we note that many Committee agenda items have been discussed for several years with no substantial progress. This Committee needs to revisit afresh long-time stagnant issues and proposals, without excluding the possibility of retiring or sunsetting them for the sake of more efficient and productive discussions. Duplication between the Charter Committee and other United Nations organs was also a recurring concern, not only in considering the outstanding topics, but also in identifying new subjects. The work of the Charter Committee should be reviewed to avoid such duplication. In order to address such concerns, we believe that the Charter Committee should seriously consider holding sessions with less frequency and of shorter duration.

I thank you, Mr. Chair. /END/