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Statement

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Chairperson,

My Delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and would like to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. During 75 years of existence, our Organization has possessed the central position in the multilateral system on all three of its purposes, namely the maintenance of international peace and security, the development of friendly relations among states and the achievement of international co-operation. The principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, namely sovereign equality, respect for the political independence and territorial integrity of all states, restraint from the threat or use of force, non-interference in the internal affairs of other states, and settlement of disputes by peaceful means, have become the principles of international law and guide the friendly relations and cooperation among nations. We express strong support for all efforts to strengthen the role of the Organization and its contribution to world’s peace, stability and development.

Established in 1975, the Special Committee was mandated to examine suggestions and proposals regarding the Charter and the strengthening of the

role of the UN as well as the promotion of the rules of international law. It has since produced several useful and pertinent documents, including the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes and the Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes. My Delegation wishes to reaffirm its appreciation and consistent support for the work of the Committee. In this regard, we support meaningful and constructive consideration of the working paper submitted by Cuba on the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness.

During its 2020 session, the Committee continued to focus on upholding the principle of the UN Charter on the peaceful settlement of disputes and had fruitful exchange of information on States practice regarding the use of conciliation. This particular means of dispute settlement has proved to possess several advantages. Premised on States' consent, conciliation can be flexible in terms of its procedures and outcome while confidentiality and a cordial atmosphere can be preserved. It provides the parties with an objective assessment of the disputed situation, thus paving the way for a possible agreed solution to the conflict concerned. Nevertheless, conciliation has been rarely used by States. We call on all concerned parties to explore all peaceful means, including conciliation, to settle their disputes and on relevant partners, including the UN, international and regional organizations, to support these efforts. We welcome the Special Committee's intention to dedicate its thematic discussion in 2021 to the subtopic "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of arbitration". The information and best practice raised by Member States as well as new developments in peaceful settlement of disputes identified during these discussion can be a useful source of reference and inputs for updating the Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States, which is the proposal submitted by the Russian Federation.

In closing, Chairperson, I would like to reiterate my Delegation's commitment to be actively and fully engaged in the work of the Special Committee.

I thank you, Chairperson./.