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REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**

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THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE
ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION”**

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Ethiopia aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and Morocco on behalf of the Africa Group.

I will make the following remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. /Madam Chairperson,

1. My delegation expresses its appreciation to the Secretary General and the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations for their respective reports.
2. Ethiopia attaches great importance to the work of the Special Committee. All items under the consideration of the Committee on the basis of Resolution 50/52 and subsequent General Assembly Resolutions are supremely important.
3. In this regard, we thank the member states that have submitted proposals on each item under consideration of the Special Committee. Accordingly, we recognize the contributions of the delegations of Belarus, Cuba, Ghana, Libya and Russia for their continued work on their proposals based on global developments and discussions in the Special Committee.

Madam/Mr Chair

4. The political and socio-economic dynamics, recent developments, and global crisis call for a strong and effective multilateralism and United Nations. The UN Charter is the pillar of this global cooperation that must be respected by all states in all their engagements.
5. We believe, the UN Charter and the principles and provisions therein are mutually reinforcing and interdependent. Furthermore, the institutional credibility of the United Nations and its independence and impartiality is the

main attribute to create confidence on the implementation of the ideals we set out in the UN Charter.

6. Contrarily, states taking exception from the globally agreed instruments and application of double standards remain an affront to the UN Charter. Furthermore, state conducts such as imposition of unilateral coercive measures that clearly violate the UN Charter and early norms on the friendly relation among states have eroded trust towards multilateralism. We believe the Special Committee should make an effort to deconstruct these developments and their longstanding impact on enforceability of the UN Charter and role of the UN.

On the item on peaceful settlement of disputes

7. Pacific settlement of disputes is a central tenet of international relations and the UN Charter. Ethiopia fully upholds this principle and has a lived experience whereby it pursued peaceful means even in trying circumstances. This notwithstanding, we believe it is necessary to respect and uphold the choice of states in dispute resolution mechanism and encourage consultative means that is suitable for lasting solutions and sustained diplomatic relations.

On the role of the UN for maintenance of peace and security

8. We appreciate the discussions held on the item “the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nation”. Ethiopia is of the conviction that strengthened relationship between the UN and regional organizations is imperative. We seek to emphasize the principle of subsidiarity as provided under Article 52 of the UN charter. We believe regional organizations are best placed to provide context informed and sustained solutions to differences. In this regard, we commend Ghana for the working paper on

relations between the UN and regional organizations and look forward to further reviews and discussions on the topic.

On the question of sanctions and their impact

9. Ethiopia believes, sanctions must be a measure of last resort and specific in their application. We denounce unilateral coercive measures and punitive actions that are an abuse of power by economically powerful states. Sanctions by the Security Council must be implemented in a manner that prevents unintended consequences on the economy of states and their populations. We consider the work of the Special Committee pivotal in carving the legal framework within which sanctions may apply as a last resort.

Mr. /Madam Chairperson,

10. Finally, the progress made by the Secretariat in updating the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council is well noted and we thank the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for their continued work in this regard. We look forward to the work of the Special Committee during the 77th session.

I thank you