

STATEMENT
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THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE
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Chair,

I have the honour to introduce the report of the 2024 session of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, contained in Supplement No. 33 (A/79/33) which contains unfortunately only a brief, procedural report.

The Special Committee on the Charter met in New York from 20 to 28 February 2024 and continued its deliberations on the questions mandated by General Assembly resolution 78/111. While we had a meaningful exchange, at the end of the session, the Special Committee was only able to adopt one chapter of its 2024 report which contains not more than 15 paragraphs which are procedural in nature. Paragraphs 10 to 14 merely list all items and proposals that were under consideration.

I would like to express the hope that we manage to go back to at least constructively recording our work and documenting the different views expressed in our meetings in a way that forms the precondition for concrete agreements. I would like to reiterate my hope that the Special Committee will be in a position to adopt a regular report at its session next year.

Having said this, permit me to recall some aspects of the work undertaken by the Special Committee during its 2024 session.

Under the item “Maintenance of international peace and security”, the Special Committee considered questions relating to the introduction and implementation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations as well as the implementation of the provisions of the Charter with respect to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions.

Under the item “Peaceful settlement of disputes”, the Special Committee undertook a debate on the subtopic “Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of good offices”.

In addition, the Special Committee considered the preparation of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* and was briefed by the Secretariat on the status of the two publications.

Finally, the Special Committee considered its working methods and continued its discussion of new proposals in this respect.

Chair,

With regard to the way forward, I would like to draw the attention of all delegates to the fact that, following established practice, recommendations were made during the 2024 session on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*. Although those recommendations were likewise not adopted by the Special Committee, it is my understanding that the recommendations enjoyed general agreement. Therefore, on behalf of the Bureau of the 2024 session of the Special Committee, I recommend that the Sixth Committee retain its previous recommendations made to the General Assembly last year as contained in operative paragraphs 12 to 18 of General Assembly resolution 78/111.

The Special Committee did not make any recommendation on the subtopic of next year's annual thematic debate, under the agenda item on the peaceful settlement of disputes, as paragraph 5(b) of the General Assembly resolution 77/109 already prescribed a list of subtopics for future thematic debates. Accordingly, the subtopic for the thematic debate in the 2025 session would be "Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of procedures envisaged in the Charter and other international instruments".

Before concluding, I would like to convey my appreciation to my fellow members of the Bureau, and in particular the Secretariat, for their invaluable assistance and advice.

Thank you.
