

**Statement at the 77th General Assembly Sixth Committee
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and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
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Thank you, Chair.

We welcome this opportunity to provide a few observations about the work of the Special Committee on the UN Charter this year.

We participated with interest in the annual thematic debate on the peaceful settlement of

We also take this opportunity to thank the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for their hard work on the Repertory of Practice of the United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, which are valuable resources on the practice of the United Nations organs.

Finally, we must mention our disappointment that a substantive report of the deliberations of the Special Committee this year could not be adopted due to one demand to omit any description of the numerous statements made condemning the invasion of Ukraine as a violation of the UN Charter. While member states often disagree on the difficult subjects raised in the Special Committee, each of those divergent positions should be indicated in the report, as has been in the case in previous reports. One party should not be permitted to demand that a position stated by a group of delegations clearly within the scope of the Committee be erased entirely as if it never happened. We trust that at its next session, the Special Committee will return to its well-diverse views for the benefit of the public and the historical record.

Thank you.