

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour and great pleasure to introduce the report of the 2012 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/67/33).

The Special Committee met in New York from 21 to 28 February and on 1 March 2012 and continued its deliberations on the questions mandated by General Assembly

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me now to take you through the Report, which consists of five chapters and an annex. The first of these chapters is entirely procedural. Paragraphs 11 to 13 list all items and proposals that were under consideration by the Special Committee.

Chapter II, relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, contains several items considered by the Committee.

Pursuant to the request of the General Assembly, the Special Committee considered on a priority basis the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions. Paragraphs 15 to 21 of the Report, contained in Section A, reflect the work of the Special Committee on this question.

The next section of Chapter II, Section B, spanning from paragraph 22 to paragraph 27, deals with the summary of the discussion on the revised working paper submitted by Libya on the strengthening of certain principles concerning the impact and the application of sanctions. As indicated in paragraph 27, the proposal was withdrawn.

The summary of the consideration of the revised proposal by Libya with a view to strengthening the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security is dealt with in Section C of the report, at paragraphs 28 to 30.

Section D of Chapter II of the Report, in paragraphs 31 to 36, summarizes the discussion on the further revised working paper submitted by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the 2011 session of the Special Committee, entitled "Open-ended working group to study the proper implementation of the Charter of the United Nations with respect to the functional relationship of its organs".

The next section of Chapter II of the Report, Section E, in paragraphs 37 to 41, summarizes the discussion on the revised working paper submitted by Belarus and the Russian Federation concerning a request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice as to the legal consequences of the resort to the use of force by States without prior authorization by the Security Council, except in the exercise of the right to self-defence.

The final section of Chapter II of the Report, Section F, in paragraphs 42 to 48, reflects the work of the Special Committee on the introduction by Cuba of a proposal on the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness: adoption of recommendations. The text of a working paper submitted by Cuba at the 2012 session of the Special Committee in this regard is reproduced in the annex for ease of reference.

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Mr. Chairman,

The item entitled "Peaceful settlement of

was briefed by the Secretariat on the status of the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council. The recommendations on this item that were agreed upon by the Special Committee are set out in paragraph 71 of the Report.

Finally, Chapter V of the Report concerns the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda of the Special Committee. Section A, paragraphs 72 to 76, reflects a