STATEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
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Thank you, Mr Chairman.

The Philippines aligns itself with the [Islamic Republic of Iran] for its statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Since its creation in 1975, the Special Committee has invaluably assisted Member States in making our Organization function more effectively, in order to better achieve its purposes under the Charter.

The very first purpose of the United Nations is to maintain international peace
and security. To

We look forward to constructive engagement by interested delegations with a view to making substantive progress ahead of the next session of the Special Committee.

For our part, we believe that the UN Charter underscores the essential role of regional organizations or arrangements in the peaceful settlement of disputes and the maintenance of international peace and security, in support of the Security Council. Many regional organizations or arrangements certainly have a lot to contribute to this proposal. This could include the Association of Southeast Asian Nations or ASEAN, to which the Philippines belongs.

From the 1967 Bangkok Declaration, the 1976 Treaty of Amity and Cooperatibrt~
the 2008 ASEAN Charter creating the ASEAN Community last year, and a host of othet key agreements, ASEAN has consolidated itself as an important regional organization that,

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