Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

As this year marks the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Charter, we reaffirm our commitment to upholding it in letter and spirit. With this in mind, my delegation welcomes the opportunity to consider the report of the Special Committee on the UN Charter contained in document A/75/33 and other relevant reports under this agenda item.

My delegation firmly believes that the UN sanctions are important tools under the Charter for maintaining and restoring international peace and security. We would like to express our appreciation for the ongoing efforts to ensure the transparent and due process relating to sanctions. We also encourage the Secretariat to increase its engagement with the private sector on the implementation of the sanctions.

subtopic of conciliation.

Likewise, we look forward to a useful thematic debate on States practices on the use of arbitration at the next session.

However, we note with continued concern that many proposals and working papers of the Special Committee, whether old or new, are duplicative of the items of other UN forums or have little added value. We need to seriously consider rationalizing the work of the Special Committee, including the possibility of retiring stagnant topics, and consequently meeting in alternate years.

We commend the Secretariat for its efforts regarding the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire,* and note the progress made towards the updating or the elimination of the backlog. In this regard, we hope that best practices, such as the introduction of new technologies, will be shared between the custodians of the two publications to effectively address the remaining backlog. In addition to having sponsored an associate expert for *Repertoire*, we will continue to work on identifying competent academic institutions for possible cooperation on the *Repertory*.

Finally, my delegation would like to reiterate that the United Nations Command was legitimately established and that the Special Committee is not the forum to discuss its status.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.   /END/