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Chairperson,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the African Group.

I would like to thank the Chair of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, the members of the Bureau, as well as the Secretariat for the work undertaken during the 2024 session and for the report contained in document ~~A/79/33-A/78/33~~ on the work of the Special Committee during the 78th Session of the General Assembly. While we note that the latter does not reflect the extent of the work undertaken during the past session, we remain confident that at its next session the Committee will continue its important work.

Chairperson,

The African Group attaches great importance to the work of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization as it has the potential to play an important role within our Organization. However, due in part to our working methods and our tendency to let ideological battles take precedence over legal analysis, the Committee, which was created in application of the resolution 3499 (XXX) has over the years, not been able to exploit its full this potential.

In this context, we encourage the Special Committee to continue its in-depth consideration of the proposals on its Agenda. Indeed, the Committee currently has on its Agenda, several topics that could benefit from careful scrutiny and the African Group will continue to examine them constructively.

We also recommend that the Committee examine the necessary means to strengthen its role all while ensuring respect for the mandate given to each UN organ, as clearly stipulated in the UN Charter.

Chairperson,

The African Group welcomes the discussions on ways and means to peacefully settle

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