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Madam/Mister Chair,

Brazil therefore highlights the importance of the ICJ's findings in its recent advisory

Furthermore, we underscore the need for the Committee to engage in the consideration of Mexico's proposal on the application of article 51 of the Charter. The right to self-defense has clearly defined boundaries. Communications on its exercise must meet certain criteria to ensure that there is clarity on its conformity with the obligations laid out in the Charter, including for the appraisal of proportionality and necessity. The General Assembly, as the most representative organ of the United Nations, is uniquely positioned to contribute to the improvement of these communications, directed though they are to the Security Council.

Madam/Mister Chair,

This Committee's paralysis is one among many others in the UN system. It is a testament to the state of disrepair into which the organization has fallen, and a reminder that bolder action is needed. We cannot address the need to enhance the ability of the United Nations to achieve its purposes, nor the need for a more effective functioning of the organization, without recognizing the urgent and undeniable need for a comprehensive reform. As President Lula stated during the opening of the