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STATEMENT

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Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations  
and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization  
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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, we align ourselves with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairman, as a founding member of the United Nations, we hold the Special Committee in high regard. The Special Committee has the unique mandate of considering all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects to strengthen the role of the United Nations.

The 1982 Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes is a testament to what the Special Committee can achieve in advancing this mandate. As set out in the Declaration, the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes should represent one of the central concerns for States and for the United Nations and efforts to strengthen the process of the peaceful settlement of disputes should be continued.

The Philippines works with all states in this regard, promoting the rule of law and the role of international tribunals and legal bodies to foster greater solidarity around values that underpin the United Nations. In line with General Assembly Resolution 77/322, we partnered with several states to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

During the International Law Week, we co-sponsored a side event on 'From Old Conventions to New Horizons' and explored how The Hague Conventions could provide avenues for creative and modern methods of dispute resolution amongst States. The discussion spotlighted how the H.v(lut)-3(io)8v8(e)-the

use of the services of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, consistent with international law, in arbitration, conciliation, mediation, commissions of inquiry and other peaceful means of dispute resolution, and to support its activities. As it marks its 125<sup>th</sup> year, it is also a timely occasion to encourage Member

