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Madame Chairperson

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Zimbabwe aligns itself with the statements delivered by Morocco, on behalf of the Africa Group, Iran, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, and Venezuela, on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter. However, I wish to make a few remarks in my national capacity.

Madame Chairperson,

The UN represents the collective resolve of all Member States in advancing, among other issues, justice; respect for the UN Charter and international law; peaceful settlement of disputes; maintenance of international peace and security; and international cooperation. Hence, it is important for us to reaffirm our commitment to the UN Charter and to multilateralism. It is my delegations fervent view that, international cooperation, solidarity and multilateralism are catalysts for advancing peace and development.

Zimbabwe fully supports the enhancement of the relationship and cooperation between the UN and regional arrangements in the peaceful settlement of disputes

Zimbabwe believes that sanctions should be introduced and applied in conformity with the provisions of the UN Charter and international law, including international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international refugee law. Procedures to apply sanctions on States should be fair and clear, and should respect the rights of the sanctioned States. Also, sanctions should not be imposed indiscriminately or be used to inflict suffering on vulnerable groups in the targeted States. In cases where sanctions are applied, it is important to consider providing assistance to third States that would be affected in order to minimize the adverse impacts on the general public and third States.

My delegation is concerned about the imposition of unilateral sanctions in violation of international law and international humanitarian law. Such sanctions disregard the sovereignty of States and the principles of the UN Charter, and therefore should not be condoned and allowed to continue unabated. There is value in the proposal by Iran regarding the need for legal analysis on unilateral coercive measures to ensure a clearer understanding of their impacts on the right to development of targeted States, and other pertinent matters.

Madame Chairperson

In conclusion, my delegation wishes to underline that the work of the Special Committee plays a fundamental role in t2 (h)-3EQ0 0u()].he