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attempts to ignore and even substitute the purposes and principles contained in the UN Charter with a new set of so-called values, which have not been discussed in an inclusive or transparent manner and that has even the potential to undermine the rule of law at the international level; and to selective approaches or accommodative interpretations of the provisions of the UN Charter. These approaches and practices, we ought to say, contribute in no way to addressing, through peaceful means and cooperation, the complex, emerging and common challenges faced in this era by humanity. Instead, they contribute to an increase in uncertainty, instability and tensions around the world.

Mr. President,

7. The Group of Friends attaches great importance to the work of the Special Committee, mindful of the fact that it can play an active and constructive role in enhancing the ability of the United Nations to achieve its purposes, including through strengthening the role of the Organization, with a view to enhancing its effectiveness and developing its full potential; a process that, needless to say, must be pursued on the basis of the principles and procedures envisaged in the UN Charter itself.

8. In this regard, while reaffirming our commitment to efforts aimed at ensuring the maintenance of international peace and security and the peaceful settlement of disputes, we seize this opportunity to voice our concern over the unwillingness of certain Member States to engage in a meaningful debate for considering the valuable proposals that for long have been before this Special Committee and which have been largely presented, precisely, by some of the members of our Group of Friends, as responsible members of the international community. We regret the deliberate attempts to obstructing our works and appeal to those States to give concrete demonstrations of their political will for effectively carrying out the mandate of the Special Committee.

9. In this context, and without prejudice to the importance of all the various working papers currently under consideration by the Special Committee, we make particular emphasis



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Nations. We reiterate our firm and principled position of support and adherence to its very tenets, which not only are the legally binding and agreed rules by all members of the international community to govern our system of international relations, but are also indispensable for fostering international peace and security, the rule of law, economic development, social progress, and diplomatic solutions to global challenges and common threats.

I thank you, Mr. President.