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II. Maintenance of international peace and security

E. Consideration of the further revised working paper submitted by Ghana on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes

1. The further revised working paper submitted by Ghana at the 2019 session of the Special Committee (A/74/33, annex II) was referred to during the general exchange of views held at the 297th and 298th meetings of the Special Committee, on 16 February, and was considered at the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, on 17 February.

2. The sponsor delegation reiterated that the objective of the further revised working paper was to develop general guidelines to enhance cooperation between the United Nations and regional bodies. In the paper, while acknowledging the primary role of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with the Charter, the sponsor delegation recognized the complementary role of regional agencies and arrangements in promoting collective global security. In the view of the sponsor delegation, such enhanced cooperation should be based on clearly defined cooperation agreements with mechanisms to enable periodic monitoring and evaluation. The sponsor delegation also envisaged a more prominent role for academia, research institutions, civil society and young people in preventive diplomacy and peacebuilding efforts by means of coordinated partnerships with regional agencies or arrangements. It thanked all delegations that had contributed to enhancing the utility of the proposed guidelines, while taking due note of the constructive contributions of some delegations to avoid duplication of the work of the Council. The sponsor delegation noted that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic had impeded the work of the working group established by its Ministry of Foreign Affairs to review the paper. The sponsor delegation remained committed to



working closely with all delegations to further consolidate inputs regarding the proposal contained in the paper, ahead of its continued consideration at the 2022 session of the Special Committee.

3. Several delegations expressed support for the efforts to finalize the further revised working paper. The proposal was considered to be useful in filling gaps in the work of the United Nations regarding coordination with regional agencies and arrangements in line with their respective mandates. It was reiterated that the scope of the proposal should be narrowed to address specific gaps, and that the work of Special Committee on the proposal should not duplicate efforts in other forums, in particular with regard to the financing of peacekeeping operations. The description in the proposal of the role of regional organizations in the peaceful settlement of international disputes was welcomed.

4. The sponsor delegation was once again asked to clarify details concerning the legal basis of the framework defining the responsibilities of the United Nations and relevant regional agencies and arrangements, the added value of the partnership agreements, including their financing, and the reference to “actions” in the proposed guidelines.
