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### Draft report

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### III. Peaceful settlement of disputes

#### B. Proposal by the Russian Federation to recommend that the Secretariat be requested to establish a website on the peaceful settlement of disputes and update the *Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States*

1. During the general exchange of views held at the 308th and 309th meetings of the Special Committee, on 20 February, and at the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, on 22 February, the proposal by the Russian Federation to recommend that the Secretariat be requested to establish a website on the peaceful settlement of disputes and update the *Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States*, as revised in 2014 (A/69/33, para. 52), was considered. The sponsor delegation reiterated the continued relevance of its proposal. It emphasized the need to reflect the developments in the field of the peaceful settlement of disputes that had emerged since the issuance of the *Handbook* by means of updating the publication and creating a dedicated website. The sponsor delegation further welcomed the support expressed by some delegations for the revised proposal and called for its meaningful consideration by the Special Committee.

2. During the general exchange of views and in the Working Group of the Whole, several delegations voiced support for the proposal. It was reiterated that the *Handbook* was a valuable document and that updating it would be useful for taking into account the best practices shared by Member States in the Special Committee during the annual thematic debate on the means for the settlement of disputes.

3. Other delegations, while noting the value of the *Handbook*, continued to maintain their concern that it would not be a proper prioritization of the existing limited resources allocated to the Secretariat. Clarification was sought as to the possibility of setting up the website and updating the *Handbook* within existing resources.

