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II. Maintenance of international peace and security

F. 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 considered during the general exchange of views held at the 300th and 301st meetings of the Special Committee, on 22 February, and at the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, on 24 February.

2. The sponsor delegation reiterated that the objective of the further revised working paper was to develop guidelines to enhance cooperation between the United Nations and regional bodies. It stated that the further revised working paper would make an enduring contribution to the global peace architecture, in accordance with the parameters set out in the Charter. In that light, 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. The sponsor delegation thanked all delegations that had contributed to enhancing the further revised working paper and the proposed guidelines. Hope was expressed that delegations would further cooperate with the sponsor delegation to refine and strengthen the proposal, ahead of its continued consideration at the 2023 session of the Special Committee.

3. Several delegations expressed support for the further revised working paper, and also expressed a commitment to constructively consider it. Support was also voiced for the work of the Special Committee in developing guidelines to facilitate the cooperation of the United Nations with regional bodies and, in that regard, the



Committee was encouraged to increase discussions on the proposal from a legal perspective, in order to create clear guidelines. Emphasis was placed on the contribution made by regional arrangements or agencies to the maintenance of international peace and security, and on the need for such arrangements to be consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations and with the respective mandates of its main organs. The key role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security was recalled. The important role played by women in such cooperation arrangements, in particular in making them more inclusive and sustainable, was noted.

4. The sponsor delegation was encouraged to further refine the proposal and, in particular, 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 implementation of a council on peace and security, as envisaged in the proposal, mainly with respect to the powers of the General Assembly. It was reiterated that the work of the Special Committee on the proposal should not duplicate efforts or prejudge discussions in other forums, especially with regard to the financing of peacekeeping operations.
