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II. Maintenance of international peace and security

D. Consideration of the revised working paper submitted by Cuba on the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness: adoption of recommendations

1. The revised working paper submitted by Cuba at the 2019 session of the Special Committee (A/74/33, annex I) 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. During the general exchange of views, the sponsor delegation expressed its readiness to continue to work with interested delegations to further improve the revised working paper. At the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, the sponsor delegation explained that the paper envisaged a legal study of the powers of the General Assembly under the Charter, with a view to facilitating the active and effective exercise of those powers. The sponsor delegation reiterated its invitation to delegations to share their views so as to reach consensus on the paper.

3. Several delegations expressed their support for the proposal contained in the revised working paper. It was noted that the aim of the paper was to achieve the delicate balance, envisaged in the Charter, between the mandates of all the principal organs of the United Nations. It was considered that the paper would contribute to strengthening the role of the Organization and should therefore remain on the agenda of the Special Committee.

4. Other delegations were of the opinion that the functions of the principal organs of the United Nations were well defined in the Charter and that there would be no added value in considering the proposal because it was duplicative of revitalization efforts within other forums of the Organization.

