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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 revised working paper on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes, submitted by Ghana at the 2018 session of the Special Committee ([A/73/33](#), annex) in follow-up to its 2015 concept paper ([A/70/33](#), annex II) and its 2016 working paper ([A/71/33](#), annex) on the same subject, was referred to during the general exchange of views held at the 290th and 291st meetings of the Special Committee on 19 February. The further revised working paper, submitted by Ghana at the 2019 session of the Special Committee (see annex II), was referred to during the general exchange of views held at the 290th meeting on 19 February and was considered at the 1st meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, on 20 February.

2. The sponsor delegation introduced the further revised working paper during the general exchange of views held at the 290th meeting, explaining that it had taken into account the views and concerns expressed by other delegations at the 2018 session of the Special Committee. The sponsor delegation clarified that the further revised working paper was aimed at identifying eight general principles on which cooperation between the Organization and regional arrangements or agencies could be based. The sponsor delegation asserted that the further revised working paper was largely based on General Assembly resolution [49/57](#) of 17 February 1995 and on principles identified in March 1999 by the Lessons Learned Unit of the then Department of Peacekeeping Operations, in a document entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations/arrangements in a peacekeeping environment: suggested principles and mechanisms”.



3. At the 1st meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, the sponsor delegation reiterated that the eight proposed guidelines contained in the further revised working paper were aimed at providing a basis for discussions on the subject. It explained that the gaps in the working relationship between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies, which had been identified at the 2018 session of the Special Committee, had served as a basis for preparing the eight guidelines. The sponsor delegation invited delegations to provide suggestions and comments, with a view to finalizing the guidelines at the next session of the Special Committee.

4. A number of delegations expressed their support for the 2018 revised working paper and the further revised working paper during the general exchange of views and at the 1st meeting of the Working Group of the Whole. It was noted that the subject was topical and relevant to the work of the Special Committee in developing guidelines to facilitate cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations. It was also stated that it could serve the practical purpose of helping to fill gaps in the work of the Organization.

5. Other delegations voiced concerns regarding the nature of the proposed guidelines, their applicability and their implementation, as well as regarding the added value of the partnership agreements referred to in the further revised working paper. The legal basis of the framework defining the responsibilities of the United Nations and the relevant regional organizations was questioned.

6. The sponsor delegation was asked to provide more information on the intended addressees of the guidelines contained in the further revised proposal and to specify which provisions of the Charter the guidelines were aimed at clarifying. It was also reiterated that the proposal contained in the further revised working paper should not duplicate efforts conducted elsewhere within the United Nations.

7. The sponsor delegation clarified that the proposed guidelines were addressed to the Organization as a whole, with a particular focus on the Security Council owing to its pivotal role with regard to the peaceful settlement of disputes, as well as to regional and subregional arrangements that cooperate with the United Nations. It was also stated that the proposed guidelines in the further revised working paper were intended to supplement the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter.
