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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 304th and 305th meetings of the Special Committee, on 21 February, and at the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, on 23 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. While noting the availability of other sources of relevant information online, it emphasized the importance of providing the necessary information under the authority of the United Nations, either by means of updating the *Handbook* or creating a dedicated website. It further urged delegations to support the proposal and called for their input to adapt the proposal to the ongoing discussions on the subject.

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. The view was expressed that the proposal would have a positive impact on the dissemination of international law in the field of peaceful settlement of disputes between States.

3. Other delegations 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 from the Secretariat as to the necessity and possibility of setting up the website and updating the *Handbook* within existing resources.

