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Mr. Chair,

The United Kingdom thanks the Bureau of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations (Charter Committee) and the Codification Division of the UN Office of Legal Affairs for their ongoing support to the Charter Committee.

The United Kingdom also welcomes report A/78/33 which provides a procedural summary of the Committee's meeting in March 2023. We also welcome this year's report on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions and the report on the Repertory and Repertoire.

Mr. Chair,

The Charter Committee was set up as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly to discuss and consider proposals concerning the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects with a view to strengthening the role of the United Nations. As the Committee continues to engage in such discussions and consider such proposals, it is important for the Committee to be consistent with decisions of the General Assembly especially in relation to a matter of peace and security, such as the invasion of Ukraine, which involves the most serious breach of the UN Charter by Russia.

It is unfortunate therefore that the Committee was again not able to reach consensus in agreeing its full annual report.

The United Kingdom remains available to engage constructively in the informal deliberations under this agenda item.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.