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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

1. My delegation welcomes the successful High level Meeting on the Rule of Law on 24 September 2012, and the adoption of the Declaration on the Rule of Law.
2. We strongly appreciate that the Declaration(outcome document) reflects many well established principles. We firmly believe that the Declaration will represent a benchmark in global efforts to enhance the rule of law.

Mr. Chairman,

3. We welcome paragraph 4 of the Declaration on the settlement of disputes. That paragraph reflects the basic principle of the international community, with respect to the free will of Member States, in selecting the forum to settle their disputes, as stipulated in Article 33 of the UN Charter.
4. We appreciate that the Declaration recognizes the role and contributions of the international judicial organs in establishing and enhancing the rule of law, not only those of the ICJ, but also highlighting other organs such as the ITLOS and the ICC.
5. In particular, we welcome paragraph 31 of the Declaration on the ICJ that also well reflects the reality that there are various factors leading to the jurisdiction of the ICJ, including through agreements and interpretations from other bilateral or multilateral treaties.

Mr. Chairman,

6. We attach a great importance to our continued consideration and promotion of the Rule of Law in all its aspects. Regarding the future consultative body, we are flexible as to its modality. However, we are of the view that the matter should be approached for the purpose of establishing an effective and long-term basis for the promotion of the rule of law. We are willing to work towards consensus on this issue.
7. In conclusion, my country has achieved mature democracy, economic development, and an enhancement of human rights in less than half a century. This could not have been possible without our resolute commitment to foster and reinforce the principle of the rule of law, both at home and abroad. We are fully committed to continued contributions to various rule of law initiatives, including sharing of my country's experience.

I thank you.