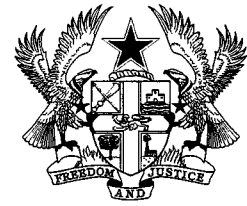


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*"THE RULE OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS"*

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**Mr. Chairman,**

I wish to join previous speakers to warmly congratulate you on your election as Chair of the Sixth Committee. My delegation wishes to assure you and the members of the Bureau of our full cooperation in the discharge of your onerous duties.

Ghana aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement and the Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of the Africa Group.

We also congratulate Mr. Huw Llewellyn on his appointment as the Director of the Codification Division and welcome the report of the Secretary General (A/70/206), which highlights developments and activities undertaken in the year under review on matters pertaining to the rule of law at national and international levels. The focus on the work of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group is especially welcome. We have taken due note of the analytical summary of the thematic debates on the rule of law, which were held between the period of the Sixty-First to the Sixty-Eighth sessions of the General Assembly. My delegation is of the view that the Report provides another opportunity to assess our achievements in terms of the commitments made, and on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations, to explore ways of improving adherence to the Rule of Law.

We are particularly pleased with this year's focus on the topic "The role of Multilateral Treaty Processes in Advancing the Rule of Law" and have no doubt that the processes of treaty making will contribute significantly to further deepening the Rule of Law as well as reinforcing the core principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Ghana also take note of the issues identified in the report including the changing dynamics of multilateral treaty processes, especially in respect of the increase in the actors involved; the increase in the membership of the United Nations, which implies that we must give due consideration to being more inclusive; and engaging with a renewed level of openness and transparency during negotiations of multilateral treaties. The involvement of international organizations in these processes no doubt presents challenges especially with respect to negotiation and participation, all of which require openness to working together to adopt guidelines that will inure to our benefit.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation wishes to emphasize the importance of capacity-building and technical assistance to advancing the Rule of Law. To this end, activities and programmes undertaken within the ambit of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law are crucial for the attainment of this goal. The focus of this programme is to contribute to the teaching and promotion of international law particularly among lawyers from developing countries. The Audiovisual Library of International Law, one of the core activities under the programme of assistance, plays a unique role by providing high quality international law training and research materials to a wide constituency of researchers, government lawyers and teachers of international law, not only from developing countries but developed countries as well. The regional courses in international law which are held in Africa, Asia Pacific as well as Latin America and the Caribbean seek to deepen the knowledge of participants on issues of international law, while the publications serve as an essential resource in fulfilling the mandate of the Programme of Assistance.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The technical assistance to be provided by the Codification Division in the Programme of Assistance, is also significant. However, these activities cannot be undertaken without adequate and regular budgetary funding. My delegation therefore urges all member states to join in efforts to secure the needed funding for the sustainability and further development of the Programme of Assistance.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In concluding, I wish to reiterate my country's commitment to the Rule of Law which underpins Ghana's 1992 Constitution. We are equally committed to ensuring that the institutions and government machinery established under the Constitution remain independence and relevant to the Rule of Law, good governance and accountability. Ghana is making efforts to strengthen institutions and deepen the Rule of Law in our firm belief that this underpins the fundamental rights of our people and national development.

We therefore embrace every opportunity to further develop our capacity in the Rule of Law and would continue to engage and utilize such opportunities to the benefit of our peoples.

I thank you.