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Mr. Chairperson,

Allow me at the outset to associate my delegation with the statements made by Algeria on behalf of the Group of African States and the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

We thank the Secretary General for the comprehensive reports on the Review of the regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and on the measures and Strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities.

We fully agree with what the Secretary General said in his report that there is no single model for the development of the rule of law the national level. We are grateful to the support we get from United Nations entities in our national effort to strengthen the rule of law. We concur also with the assessment of the Secretary General that the international legal framework on climate change is still at a relatively incipient stage. Much more needs to be done to ensure the universalization of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and ensure the full implementation of various international agreements that would enable us effectively address the challenge of climate change.

In relation to displacement and migration, while concurring with the report of the Secretary General on the existence of strong international legal framework and legal standards on the rights of migrants, much more needs to be done in addressing the most pressing gaps and challenges in relation to protection of irregular migrants irrespective of their status. Addressing challenges in the area of international solidarity and cooperation as well as maintaining the institutions of asylum and open-door policy should remain central with respect to forced displacements. We encourage the Secretary General to redouble his efforts in this regard.

Mr. Chairperson,

Given the recognized fact that the prevalence of the rule of law, both at the national and international levels, plays in the preservation of international peace and security and the promotion of human rights and development, we believe, it is at the right moment that the General Assembly decided under resolution 71/148 to embark on deliberating in ways and means to further disseminate international law with the ultimate goal of strengthening the rule of law.

International law keeps together what may at times appear to be polarized interests of the nations of the world by allowing compromises to be made through the conclusion of international agreements as well as by providing a system for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

The dissemination of international law is thus a key undertaking that we all need to assume as a responsibility and pull our resources and cooperate in the process of its achievement.

Mr. Chairperson,

The commendable work of the United Nations to register and publish international agreements, the maintenance of the United Nations treaties website, the program of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, are worthy of esteemed appreciation in this regard.

In particular the Regional Courses in International Law under the program of assistance and the UN Audiovisual Library of international law that are aimed at reaching developing countries are among the important undertakings in the dissemination of international law. For instance, the Regional course in international law for Africa has throughout the years expanded the opportunity

for training young lawyers from the continent and allowed them to build their understanding and knowledge on multiple areas of international law.

At this juncture, I would like to commend the Office of Legal Affairs and its specialized divisions, in its undertakings with regard to dissemination of international law.

Mr. Chairperson

In conclusion, I wish to underscore Ethiopia's strong support for rule based international world order and recognize the important role the strengthening of the rule of law plays at all levels in this regard. Ethiopia reiterates its support to the various ways and means employed to disseminate international law including the UN program of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law.

Thank You for Your Kind Attention!