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Mr. President,

Angola congratulates the Secretary-General on his Report on strengthening and coordinating United Nations activities to promote the rule of law contained in the document (A/78/184).

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Republic of Uganda on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. President,

Angola recognizes that the rule of law at the international level refers to the idea that all nations should be governed by established international laws, principles, and norms. However, we are aware that the state of international law may vary depending on the circumstances and actions of countries.

Angola understands that the application of the concept of the international rule of law includes, among others, respect for international treaties and agreements, the peaceful settlement of disputes, the fight against impunity for international crimes, and the protection of human rights.

We believe that it is important for the consolidation of the international rule of law that the channels of a permanent dialogue among Member States remain open. Another key issue is the relevance of the United Nations assistance in strengthening the rule

of law and how to strengthen its sustainability and coherence in the principles that guide the organization, as well as respect for the sovereign decisions of States.

In the last decade, instability has worsened worldwide, particularly in Africa, because of the intensification of unconstitutional changes of democratically elected governments, compromising International Law and the economic and social development of States.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Angola has a stable legal and judicial system and respects the principles of justice and equality before the law. It has created instruments that facilitate the implementation of universal legal frameworks.

We are looking for the best solutions to effectively fight against international crimes and other related problems that affect the international community.

For this, we are strengthening the capacity of institutions such as the Courts, the Attorney General's Office, and the Criminal Investigation Service, in order to guarantee the effective implementation of the law at the national level through democratic precepts.

Angola maintains its diplomatic relations based on the basic principles of international law. We defend a world of peace, bilateral relations based on mutual respect, respect for sovereign equality and territorial integrity, and a more balanced world order, as well as peaceful settlement of international disputes in accordance with the United Nations Charter and international law.

Finally, I would like to recall that improving the rule of law at the international level is our joint responsibility and must be assumed by the entire international community.

Thank you very much.