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Rwanda Statement

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International level

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Chair,

Thank you for giving me the floor

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the Africa Group, respectively.

1. Rwanda welcomes the focus on the subtopic “The full, equal, and equitable participation at all levels in the international legal system,” as requested by the General Assembly through resolution 78/112. This this focus touches on the very foundation of a just, inclusive, and effective international legal order.

Rwanda's experience shows that promoting the rule of law is key to peace, justice, and sustainable development.

Our commitment to strengthening legal institutions, upholding accountability, and ensuring equal access to justice is unwavering.

We believe that the same principles must guide our approach at the international level, where inclusivity, equity, and transparency are vital for a just global order.

Chair,

Rwanda believes that the rule of law at both national and international levels is a cornerstone for maintaining peace, promoting justice, and upholding human rights.

To achieve this, all states—regardless of size, economic status, or political influence—must have an equal voice in shaping the norms and rules that govern our global community.

It is through such inclusive participation that we can create a legal system that reflects the shared values and aspirations of all nations.

However, challenges persist.

Many developing countries face barriers to meaningful participation in the international legal system, such as limited resources, insufficient technical expertise, and structural inequities.

These obstacles perpetuate power imbalances and prevent the system from being truly representative and just. Addressing these challenges must be a priority if we are to promote an inclusive, equitable, and effective rule of law.

Chair

Rwanda offers the following key recommendations to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels:

1. Strengthen Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance: We urge the international community to invest in capacity-building initiatives and provide technical assistance to developing countries. This will

enable all states to engage fully and effectively in international legal processes, including treaty negotiations, dispute resolution, and participation in international courts and tribunals. Strengthening the legal capacity of all Member States is essential for leveling the playing field and fostering a more inclusive legal system.

2. Promote Equitable Representation in International Legal Institutions: Rwanda calls for efforts to ensure that international legal institutions, including courts and tribunals, reflect the diversity of the global community. This includes equitable geographical representation and greater inclusion of underrepresented groups, such as women, in legal decision-making roles. Diverse representation

contributes to the legitimacy, credibility, and effectiveness of these institutions.

3. Ensure Fair and Consistent Application of International Law: The international legal system must operate without double standards. Selective application or inconsistent enforcement of international law undermines trust and erodes the rule of law. We must commit to applying international legal standards fairly and consistently, regardless of political, economic, or strategic interests.

4. Promote Inclusivity at the National Level to Support International Rule of Law Efforts: The rule of law begins at home. Strengthening national legal institutions and ensuring that all citizens, including

women, youth, and marginalized groups, can participate fully in decision-making processes is fundamental. Rwanda has seen the transformative impact of inclusive governance, which strengthens social cohesion and contributes to sustainable development.

Chair

As we deliberate on this important topic, let us reaffirm our commitment to the ideals enshrined in the United Nations Charter and the principles of international law. Together, we can create an international legal system that serves all nations fairly and equitably, providing a strong foundation for peace, justice, and human rights worldwide.

In conclusion,

Rwanda remains dedicated to promoting the rule of law and ensuring full, equal, and equitable participation at all levels in the international legal system. We look forward to engage with all to address existing challenges and build a more inclusive, fair, and effective legal framework.

Thank you.