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STATEMENT

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Mr Chair,

[Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to make some additional remarks in its national capacity.]

At the outset, Slovenia would like to express its gratitude to the Secretary-General for the report in which he underlined the New Vision for the Rule of Law. Furthermore, Slovenia welcomes the selection of a specific theme for this Session, namely “the full, equal and equitable participation at all levels in the international legal system”.

Mr Chair,

As a non-permanent member of the Security Council, Slovenia is particularly engaged on the topic of the rule of law, which is essential to ensure international peace, security and justice. It is incumbent upon States to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations and to settle their international disputes peacefully.

Mr Chair,

Slovenia holds the view that accountability stands at the centre of the rule of law as it provides a foundation for upholding and implementing the rule of law, and serves as a deterrent against misconduct. The effective prosecution of international crimes is fundamental to building and sustaining the rule of law.

In this regard, Slovenia would like to draw attention to the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention as an example of how to ensure the rule of law and accountability. This landmark treaty on international criminal law represents a historic opportunity to strengthen international mutual legal assistance. We believe it will facilitate effective investigation and prosecution of the most serious international crimes.

Slovenia reaffirms its commitment to the progressive development and codification of international law. We acknowledge the significant developments noted in the Secretary-General's report. The codification and development of international instruments is a crucial element in the promotion of the rule of law at the international level. A stronger and more coherent body of international law, achieved through

codification, can enhance clarity and predictability, and foster greater consistency and universality in its application. When international law is perceived as transparent, impartial and consistently applied, it commands greater respect and adherence from the international community.

Mr Chair,

Over the past year, there has been a notable increase in judicial activity across a number of international courts and tribunals. This demonstrates the vital role that these institutions play in upholding the rule of law and in providing authoritative interpretations of legal matters. All judicial decisions and opinions contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and help ensure accountability for international crimes.

But once the judicial activity of courts and tribunals has come to an end, what remains are the archival records, which offer significant educational and research value, particularly within the affected communities. As the importance of these archives grows, we believe that a centralised system for managing the archives of different ad hoc tribunals and mechanisms established under the UN umbrella would be the most appropriate and efficient way forward. This approach would not only ensure the preservation of vital historical records, but also facilitate greater access for communities directly impacted by the proceedings.

Mr Chair,

Slovenia recognises the critical importance of dialogue among States and multistakeholders in advancing international law. This is in line with Slovenia's broader commitment to effective multilateralism, whereby the UN is regarded as a crucial platform for fostering cooperation and mutual trust. Slovenia appreciates the value of events that promote the dissemination and wider esteem of international law. Such initiatives facilitate deeper understanding and engagement with international law, and ultimately contribute to a more robust and cooperative legal framework.

Thank you.