STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR CHITSAKA CHIPAZIWA AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE DEBATE ON THE RULE OF LAW AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL: 10 OCTOBER 2012

Since this is our first intervention in this Committee, allow me to congratulate you Mr. Chairman and other members of the Bureau on your election to preside over the deliberations of this Committee. I am confident that under your able stewardship, the Committee will deal diligently with all issues on its agenda. I would like to assure you of my delegation's full cooperation in your work.

I align myself with the statements delivered by the delegations of the Islamic Republic of

• The sovereign equality of states
• Non-interference in the internal affairs of states
• Respect for the territorial integrity of states
• The right of people to self determination and to chart their own
destinies.

We believe that all states should be committed to settling their disputes by peaceful means and ref rain from the threat or peaceful peaceful