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Mr. Chairman,

Let me at the outset state that Nigeria aligns herself with the statements made by the African Union, the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Countries,

We thank the Secretary General for his report of 6th 2012 pursuant to GA Resolution 67/07 on strengthening and expanding the Nations rule of law activities. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Deputy Secretary

Nigeria welcomes the detailed and in-depth projects and initiatives undertaken by the UN to strengthen specific aspects of the Rule of Law to better reflect a system-wide approach

My delegation is happy with the outcome of the High Level Dialogue on the Rule of Law held on 24th September 2012 and Endorses the Declaration that the High Level Dialogue was a peaceful and constructive

Our leaders, by this declaration, affirmed their commitment to the Rule of Law and linked it with the three (3) pillars of the United Nations namely Peace and Security

Mr. Chairman

I wish to place on record that Nigeria has signed the Declaration made during the 2012 Treaty Event on 24th September, 2012, signed

deposited two legal instruments in Africa. Convention against the taking of Hostages and; International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. Both treaties are treaty obligations. This is a call to all States that have not yet done so, to do so. We hereby call on all States that made pledges during the Treaty Event to take steps to fulfil their obligations to the UN Convention.

In addition to promoting good governance and promoting the rights and empowerment of women in the bud any such violence, degrading and degrading rights. It is our opinion that respect for the rule of law, women's empowerment, democracy and development to our citizenry and ensure

This delegation is that the rule of law and the current system is the Rule of Law and the Federal Settlement. We however, observe the insidious methods of settling legal disputes by States as enshrined in Article 38 of the United Nations Charter.

Mr. Chairman,

Nigeria as a role model, in choosing peaceful means of settling the classical case between Cameroon and Nigeria over the dispute in Bakassi, under

ICJ. I am pleased to inform this meeting that this process was completed both withdrawal and handing over of Bakassi District to the Government of Cameroon. It is our fervent desire that all States Parties have not yet recognized the role of the principal Judicial Organ of the UN, the ICJ for peaceful settlement of disputes between States and other Parties without further delay. We urge those any other form of method as stipulated in Article 38 of Chapter VI of the UN Charter of amicable settlement of international disputes. We are to continue to international

In conclusion, it is our pleasure to announce that during the High Level Meeting of the Secretary-General, we will submit this Annual Report on the Rule of Law. My delegation therefore wishes to commend the Secretary-General, in view of the synergy between the Rule of Law and the three pillars of human rights, and sustainable development. We believe this document would assist states in choosing the best way to address the challenges emanating from the plenary of confronting states

I thank you.