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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statements made respectively by the distinguish representatives of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and of South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

I would like also to express our appreciations to the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for his comprehensive report entitled "Strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities" (A/69/181).

Mr. Chairman,

Rule of law at the international level should be equally applied to all States, International Organizations, including the United Nations and its principal organs. The primary role of the General Assembly in the promotion of the rule of law in all its aspects, particularly by encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification, is paramount and should be strengthened.

In this regard, the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly as well as the whole process of the United Nations reform, have to be carried out in a way that seeks first and foremost the promotion of the rule of law at the international level. A harmonious and more balanced relationship between the principal organs of the UN, particularly the General Assembly and the Security Council, has to be one of the main targets.

My delegation would like to seize this opportunity to reiterate its call for a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, including its expansion in both categories of membership, and to correct the historical injustice done to the African Continent.

Mr. Chairman,

Sovereign equality of States is also an important element in the promotion of rule of law at the international level. Any selectivity in this regard is a clear violation of both the principles and spirit of the UN Charter.

In this regard, the inalienable right to self-determination of peoples under colonial domination and foreign occupation must be respected and applied without any selectivity.

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to the rule of law at the national level, allow me to make the following remarks about my country's experience.

Algeria has made considerable efforts aiming at strengthening at all levels the rule of law.

Article 97 of our Constitution states clearly that "Treaties, and conventions ratified by the President of the Republic in accordance with the conditions provided by the Constitution are superior to the law". In practice this binding provision leads to t to