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Strong link between rule of law on national and international level stands at the core of our joint mission, which is the right of equal access to justice for all. In that light we welcome the Declaration of the high-level meeting in the General Assembly which was adopted by consensus in September 2012.

Mr Chairman,

Efforts to promote the rule of law and implementation of international legal commitments at the national level are of crucial importance. Montenegro is deeply committed to the rule of law at the international level and its codification through further development of international law, confident that United Nations have the proper tools to deepen it. Respect for the rule of law is a foundation and a prerequisite for the international relations, peaceful coexistence, stability and development. Mechanisms for pacific settlement of disputes and international law tools represent useful mechanisms for maintaining international peace and security and ensuring rule of law and justice on both levels.

Therefore, we acknowledge the importance of the role of International Criminal Court and other international tribunals to fight impunity. Therefore we strongly support cooperation with all international judicial institution, especially International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia.

Mr Chairman,

The rule of law and a well-functioning justice sector support inclusive growth and development. Therefore Montenegro shares the views that human rights and rule of law as critical enablers and