Statement on behalf of the African Group by Thembile Joyini, Charge d' Affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations, in the Sixth Committee of General Assembly under Agenda Item 85 "Rule of Law at the National and International levels"

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Mr Chairman

Thank you for affording me the floor. My delegation, once again, has the honour to speak on behalf of the African Group. The African Group aligns itself with the Statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran speaking on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement. At the outset, the African Group would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report which highlights United Nations rule of law developments and activities at the national and international levels over the past year. The report emphasizes developments related to the role of multilateral treaty processes in promoting and advancing the rule of law, the subtopic chosen for consideration at this seventieth session of the General Assembly under agenda item entitled "The rule of law at the national and international levels".

Mr Chairman

The African Group statement is in line with this year's theme "The role of multilateral treaty processes in promoting and advancing the rule of law", a topic of great importance to the African States. The African Group is of the view that Multilateral treaties are an integral aspect of a comprehensive

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The African Group agree that the rule of law is a broad and complex concept embedded in the history of all cultures and nations as well as in the long-standing efforts of States to create an international community based on law. And, also, it is linked to critical goals such as poverty reduction and sustainable human development as