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Mr. Chairman

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the fourteen (14) Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

CARICOM aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

We also thank the Secretary-General of the United Nations for his leadership in the area of rule of law activities.

strengthening and coordinating United Nations (UN) rule of law activities

CARICOM views adherence to the rule of law as crucial to the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the maintenance of peace and security, the

primary objective to help put an end to impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community, as well as the prevention of such heinous crimes.

With a view to promoting its universality, CARICOM urges all States Parties which have not

yet done so, to ratify and fully implement the Rome Statute of the ICC. We also recall the decision made at the Review Conference of the Rome Statute in 2010 in Kampala, Uganda, for the Court to exercise its jurisdiction over the crime of aggression once 30 States have ratified the amendments and subject to a decision of the Assembly to activate that

jurisdiction. In this regard, we look forward to the upcoming decision of the Assembly to activate the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression this year.

CARICOM also affirms the important role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations and recognizes its valuable contribution in shaping international jurisprudence. We urge all Member States to support the work of the

elements and to elaborate the text of an international legally binding instrument under the Convention.

Mr. Chairman

CARICOM will now offer a few comments on the subtopic, "ways and means to further disseminate international law to strengthen the rule of law", which was chosen for discussion this year.

We are of the view that a proper understanding of international law is fundamental to