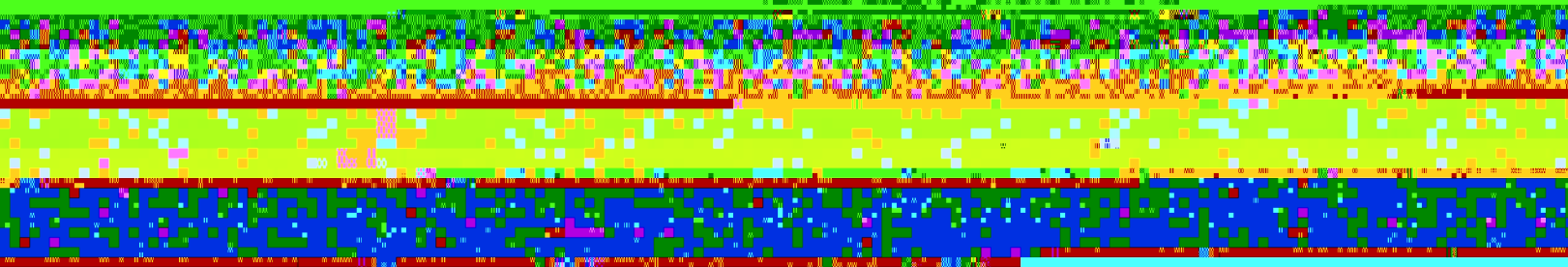
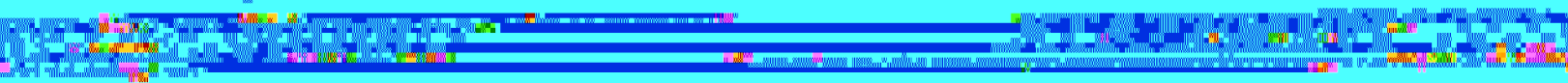


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*Thank you for your service.*



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**Thank you,  
Madam Chair,**

Let me from the outset congratulate you and the other members of the bureau on your election. You can count on Ghana's cooperation and

the distinguished representatives of Algeria on behalf of the Africa Group and the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement. We welcome the report of the Secretary General contained in document A/72/268 dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017 which highlights developments and activities with respect to the rule of law both at the national and international levels during the year under review. We express our appreciation to the Rule of Law Unit, particularly for the briefings that it

We welcome the emphasis placed in the report to issues related to capable and accountable justice and security institutions, community-oriented security and armed violence reduction, access to justice for marginalized groups, security and justice for women and girls, culture of lawfulness among others in the promotion of the rule of law.

Constitution of Ghana and reinforced in the Legal Aid Scheme Act of 1997, Act 542. The Legal Aid of Ghana together with Non-Governmental Organisations and Civil Society Organisations, have developed a robust

**Madam Chair,**

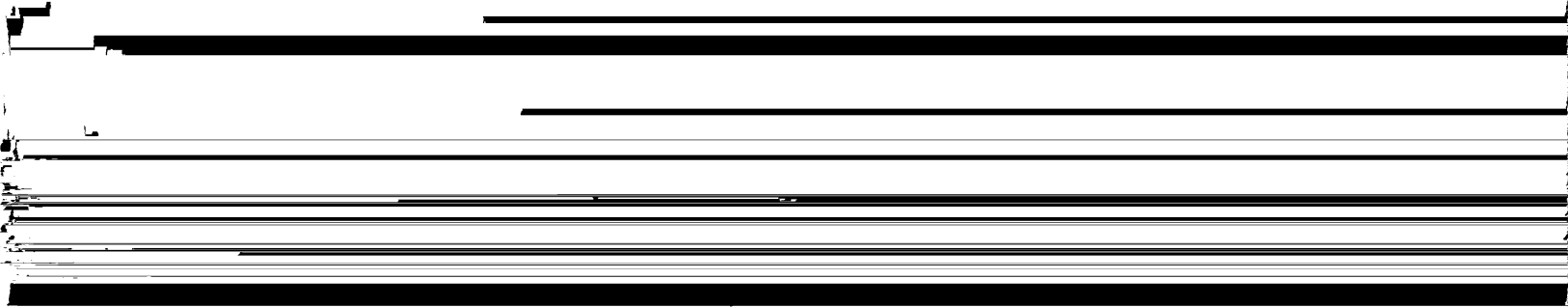
The processes prescribed under Ghana's 1992 Constitution for treaty

negotiation require that the committees involved are fully equipped and

essential to fulfilling its mandate as a core activity of the General Assembly,  
which has been contributing to building the capacity of representatives of member

With reference to paragraph 48 of the report, which highlighted the  
dispute concerning Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between Ghana  
and Cote d'Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean, my delegation wishes to take this  
opportunity to thank ITLOS and its staff for the professional manner in

progress in deepening them. This is because we believe the rule of law  
underpins the fundamental rights of our people and the overall



development of our country. It is in this vein that Ghana embraces every  
occasion that presents an opportunity to further develop our capacity in the  
Rule of Law and would continue to engage and utilize such opportunities  
to the benefit of our country.

I thank you

