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Mr. Chair,

The Secretary-General's report also surveys the progress that States have achieved in joining international agreements and institutions. This expansion of the international legal framework has been realized over a range of areas, including climate change, biological diversity, human rights, trafficking in persons, corruption, and arms control. In this regard, it is critical that

existing treaties, which have been carefully negotiated and regularly adopted by States, be respected and implemented in order to strengthen the rule of law at the international level.

Even though their content is not intended to be comprehensive, they are essential for a number of reasons.