

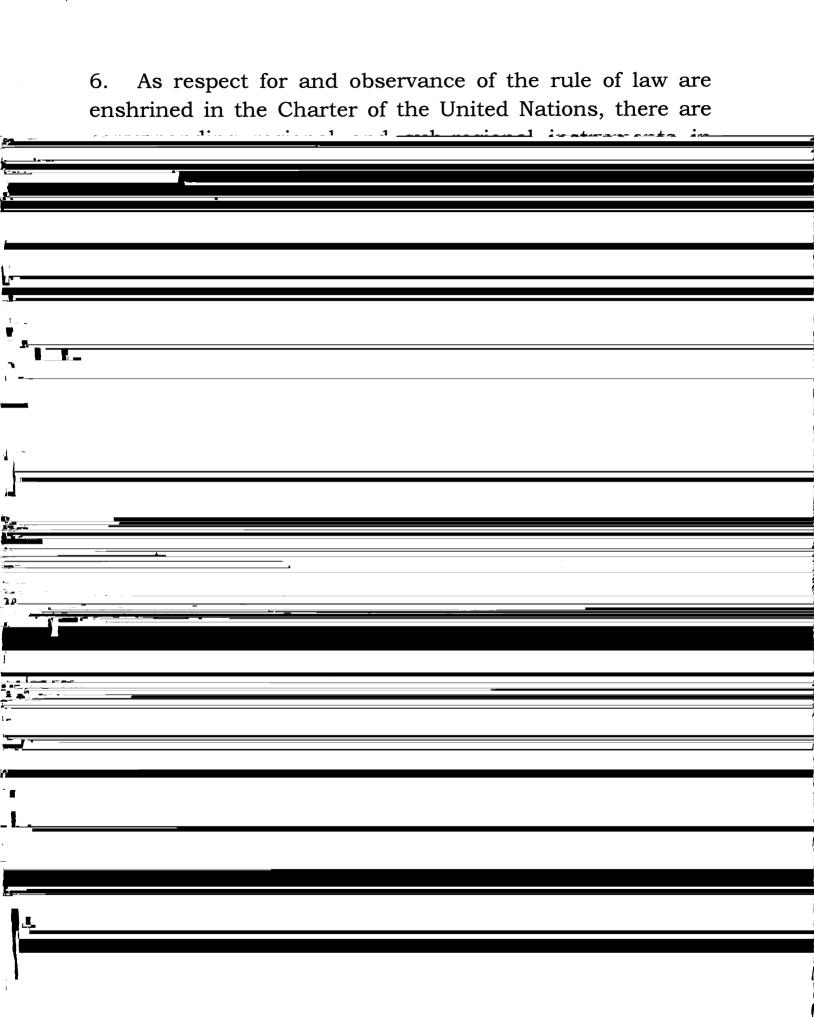
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you have been steering the affairs of this Meeting and we are grateful to the Secretary-General for his Report, which outlines United Nations Rule of Law developments and activities at the national and international levels over the past year.

2. Nigeria's delegation wishes to align itself with the statements delivered by the Representatives of the Gambia and the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the African Group and Non-Aligned Movement respectively. Every

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10. We have also demonstrated strong political will to fulfill our international obligations through the In addition, the work of the various anti-corruption agencies such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Independent Corrupt Practices and Related Offences Commission (ICPC), the Nigeria Police Force, (NPF) and the Code of Conduct Bureau and

observed. This is in recognition of the importance of the rule of law in the society.

12 At the international loval Nigeria has consistently

pursued a foreign policy anchored on the promotion and achievement of global security, as well as the protection of the dignity of all persons. Nigeria recognizes the important there will be no platform upon which the rule of law would stand at the international level. Therefore, member states should collectively work to attain a world where the rule of law, accountability and social justice are the foundation for