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Mr. Chairman,

My Delegation commends you for the efficient manner you have been steering the affairs of this Meeting. We are grateful to the Secretary-General for his Report, which outlines United Nations Rule of Law developments and activities at the national and

9 Nigeria's delegation wishes to align itself with

address this all important subject. Issues relating to democracy, good governance, accountability, peacekeeping operations, resist impunity, protection of civilians particularly women and children in armed conflict, countering terrorism and transnational crimes. are all connected to respect for and observance of the rule of law. The observance of the rule of law is non-negotiable in the realms of social and economic development, political

thematic issues such as women, peace and security. The General Assembly, the Security Council and the wider United Nations system have been rightly seized with this cardinal subject over the years.

Mr. Chairman

5. All the instruments, norms and principles that govern the rule of law, namely: the provisions of the UN Charter, UN conventions and treaties, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), international human rights and humanitarian law

6. The respect for and observance of the rule of law are enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. There are also corresponding regional and sub-regional instruments in Africa embedded in the African Union (AU) Constitutive Act and ECOWAS protocols. The rule of law is also a fundamental principle in our National jurisprudence.

7. Nigeria considers the rule of law a prerequisite for the establishment of justice and as a basis for peaceful co-existence and the prevention of armed conflict. Therefore, we envision the enunciation of the

rule of law at all levels as a vital means of strengthening cooperation, establishing enduring

is firmly anchored on democratic principles. The Constitution provides the basis for a 'Rule of Law' approach to governance at the national level. We

appreciate the connection between the rule of law and democracy. The rule of law is a prerequisite for the promotion and protection of democracy, good governance, and sustainable development.

Mr. Chairman,

10. We have also demonstrated strong political will to fulfill our international obligations through the domestication of relevant international instruments and recommended practices such as: the enactment

2015 (VAPP); Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 (ACJA); Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2015; HIV/AIDS (Anti-Discrimination) Act 2014; Anti-Torture Act 2017; Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshot Act, 2017; National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment)

branches of government and in the electoral process

tribunals in the peaceful resolution of international disputes and promotion of justice. Our support for peacekeeping since our independence in 1960 is an expression of our commitment to international peace, security and the rule of law.

Mr. Chairman,

14. Nigeria appreciates the sustained initiative of the United Nations to promote the rule of law and transitional justice in conflict and post-conflict

peace. This must be made a priority for the international community, for world leaders and for all peoples.

I thank you for your attention.