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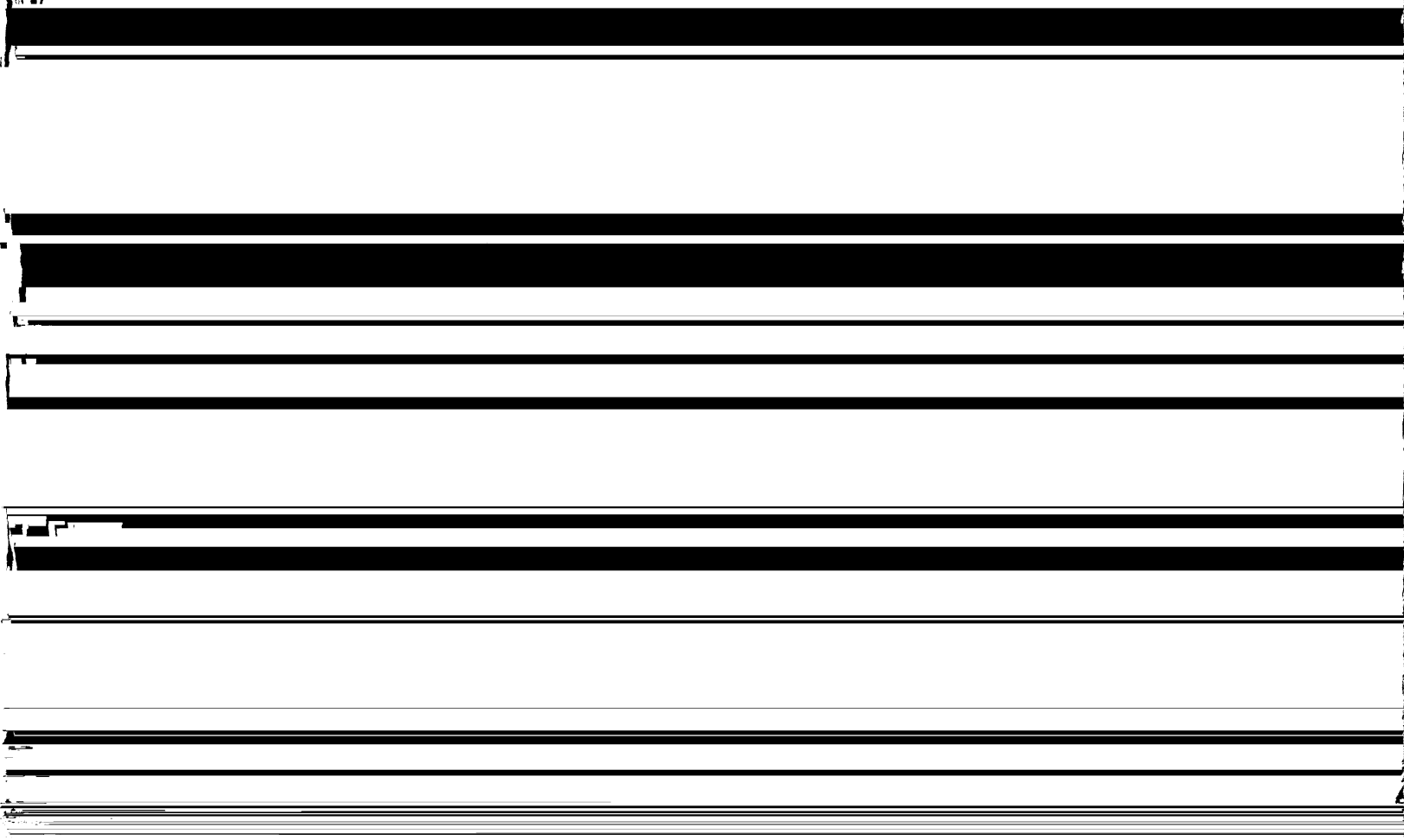
Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to begin by welcoming the Secretary-General's reports "Strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities" under this agenda item. The report offers a valuable insight into mechanisms and practices promoting effective implementation of international law and the rule of law activities both in the national and international contexts.

Slovenia fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. In addition, it

would like to contribute to this important debate in its national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

Respect for the rule of law is a prerequisite for peace, stability and development, and therefore needs to be pursued at both national and international levels. Multilateral treaties play a key role in setting down common rules for all nations and in strengthening the rules-based international system.

Never before has it been more important to ensure the strengthening of a rules-based international system and to safeguard and promote the full enjoyment of human rights for all

The current international challenges require a stronger and more concrete commitment to the protection of human rights.

Effective implementation of the rule of law is only possible with a strong commitment of the Member States, accompanied by a targeted and operational support of the United Nations. In addition to the core rule of law principles and areas, there are new serious challenges that require our prompt and comprehensive response.

The fulfilment of international legal obligations, especially the implementation of decisions and awards of international courts and tribunals, is one of the basic rule of law principles.

Slovenia consistently advocates the stance that any failure to respect the decisions of international courts and tribunals constitutes a failure to respect the rule of law. Slovenia has been implementing even the most challenging judgements delivered by the international

We encourage all states that have not yet done so to consider joining the Court.

Slovenia also supports other mechanisms aiming to assist in the fight against impunity.