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UNDER AGENDA ITEM
“RULE OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS”

Mr. Chairperson,
I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of Uganda. Uganda aligns itself
with the statements delivered on behalf of the African Group ,the Islamic Republic of
Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the statement by the delegation of
Austria
Chairperson, Uganda expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his report as
contained in document A/79/117,

done in the field of rule of law, human rights protection and promotion. It is not time yet for
us to relax.
Uganda fully ascribes to the classic definition of the rule of law as resting upon known general
principles applicable on equal terms to all persons and respects and preserves the dignity,
equality and human rights of all persons. Norms of international law including the rules
based multilateral trading system must be reliable, predictable and equitable as they are
critical in our attaining sustainable development.
We have only recently had cases of genocide in our region. We still have wars globally. We
have displaced people in all regions in the world. Conditions of “absolute poverty” in the world

effective responses to these sophisticated crime arenas. We are especially keen on
collaborations that offer technical assistance and promote the exchange of best practices,
which are fundamental in bolstering our national strategies.
Moreover, Uganda is committed to eradicating human trafficking and wildlife trafficking,
which are severe violations of human rights and pose substantial threats to biodiversity and
public health. Our strategy includes fortifying legislative measures and implementing
stringent punitive actions designed to deter traffickers and hold them accountable through
robust legal processes. We actively engage in sharing best practices and participating in
international partnerships that aid in preventing these heinous crimes. The support from
international bodies, notably the International Criminal Police Organization, is crucial. Their
resources, including global databases and investigative tools, significantly enhance our
capability to address these crimes effectively, ensuring that we can protect the most
vulnerable members of our society and our natural heritage.
Lastly, the importance of environmental protection cannot be overstated within the context
of our national security and economic prosperity. Crimes such as wildlife trafficking and
illegal logging not only wreak havoc on our ecosystems but also have profound economic
repercussions. Uganda is dedicated to advancing our legal and operational frameworks to
combat these environmental crimes vigorously. By enhancing our legal frameworks and
operational tactics, we aim to preserve our ecological resources, which are indispensable for
the future well-being and economic stability of Uganda.

Mr. Chair, Uganda remains committed to international law and the rule of law which also
includes enabling and encouraging the constant development of international law. The
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