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Mr Chairman,

at the outset, I would like to congratulate you and the members of the Bureau upon your election. We are confident that with your able leadership, we will have a productive and successful Sixth Committee session.

Slovenia welcomes the Secretary-General's report on *strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities*, reaffirming the wide-ranging nature of the rule of law.

Promoting the rule of law remains a priority for Slovenia. We recognise the crucial role of the rule of law in international peace and security, sustainable development, and respect for human rights and the fight against impunity. International order based on the rule of law and international law is essential to peaceful cooperation and the coexistence of nations, with multilateral treaties playing a crucial role.

Given the far-reaching relevance of multilateral treaties, Slovenia welcomes the focus of this year's discussion on *the role of multilateral treaty processes in promoting and advancing the rule of law*. It is precisely through multilateral treaty processes that we can best achieve binding solutions for the evolving challenges facing the international community. By building compromises and consensus, we create widely accepted obligations and standards that not only lead to predictability, but also have a positive impact on the rule of law at the national level.

Although the actors involved in multilateral treaty processes have multiplied through time, contributions by the General Assembly and the International Law Commission to the codification and progressive development of international law remain at the core. My delegation greatly appreciates the work of the UN Office of Legal Affairs and the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group, supported the

is leading the MLA initiative, i.e. the *Initiative for the adoption of a new multilateral treaty on mutual legal assistance and extradition with respect to the domestic investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes*. We are pleased to mention that, so far, the initiative has received the support of almost 50 countries from all regions, including some that are not members of the ICC. On this occasion, Slovenia urges all States that have not yet done so to join this important initiative.

One of the most notable multilateral treaty processes in modern times has led to the adoption of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Slovenia hereby reaffirms its strong support for the ICC and acclaims its contribution to accountability. We remain committed to promoting the universality of the Rome Statute and the Kampala amendments. It is only through universal outreach that the ICC can truly realise its full potential.

With this in mind, Slovenia organised two international conferences this year which put international criminal justice high on the agenda. In April, the *Rights for Peace: Challenges and Opportunities* conference focused on the promotion of the R2P, the UN Secretary-General's *Rights Up Front* initiative, and the ICC. This was followed in September by the annual international Bled Strategic Forum. The Forum also included panels dedicated to