



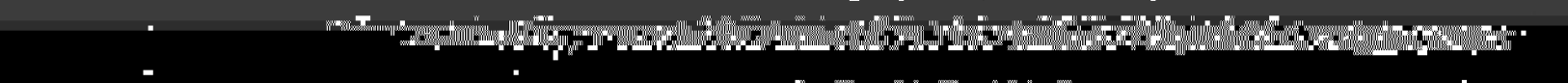
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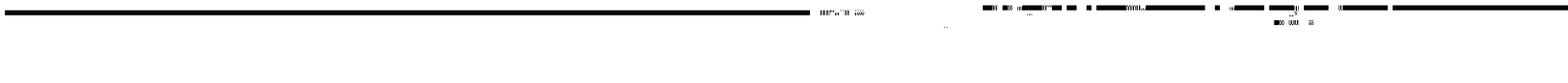
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Mr. Chairman,

We thank the Secretary General for his report "Strengthening and Coordinating the United Nations of Rule of Law Activities," contained in document A/72/268. We associate ourselves with the statement delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The rule of law is at the core of the UN Charter and international law. It is a fundamental imperative for a peaceful and secure international landscape, where relations between States are underpinned by cooperative relations and respect for the principles of territorial integrity and national sovereignty.

The UN has played an indispensable role in promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels. UN support for Afghanistan over the past 17 years has been crucial in enabling us to make great progress towards stable and Self-Reliant

recently approved a new Strategy, which aims to address of the problem of

~~corruption along multiple lines of effort~~

~~investigating, prosecuting and holding to account officials involved in illegal~~

~~activities. To this end 21 cases have so far been completed including 1~~

forward to the UN coming joint meeting of CTED and donor countries in the coming

weeks which will focus on the implementation of key recommendations of the visit's outcome report.

Mr. Chairman,

Ensuring a more efficient and effective UN system is imperative for enhancing this organization's role in advancing rule of law nationally and internationally. To this end, the reform agenda put forth by the Secretary General is an important initiative, which demands the full support of all member-states. We would be remiss in failing to highlight the imperative of a reformed Security Council that can better address the pressing challenges of our time.

In conclusion, Afghanistan reaffirms that a cooperative environment, based on shared gain and common benefit is essential for peaceful and progressive

international landscape governed by the rule of law. We ourselves are a prime