STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA ON THE RULE OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVES

AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE 72ND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Chairman,

We thank you for the floor once again. The Republic of The Gambia wishes to thank the Secretary-General for his report, which highlights the United Nations rule of law developments and activities at the national and international levels over the past year. While expressing gratitude for your exemplary stewardship, kindly permit my delegation to associate itself with the statement delivered by Algeria on behalf of the African Group, the statement by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for OIC group and the statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the non-aligned movement (NAM).

Mr. Chair

As a people our shared values are guided by the principles of international law, which by anticipation states are expected to respect, by consenting to its practice. We therefore welcome the United Nations rule of law development activities, in particular, at the National level. The new dispensation of the Republic of The Gambia takes due note of this approach, which is highly relevant and pertinent for preventing conflict and sustaining peace.

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<u></u>	Gambia has devised a three-step approach in its National Development Plan in the following order: Human Rights, Peace
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Development Agenda, which also places emphasis on inclusivity,

respect for human rights and rule of law.