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Mr. Chair,

The Secretary-General's report also surveys the progress that States have achieved in joining international agreements and institutions. This expansion of the international legal framework has been realized over a range of areas, including climate change, biological diversity, human rights, trafficking in persons, corruption, and arms control. In this regard, it is critical that existing treaties, which have been carefully negotiated and regularly adopted by States, be respected and implemented in order to strengthen the rule of law at the international level.

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their legitimacy and legal effects should not be undermined.

Real progress will happen only when States expand their focus beyond formal accession to international norms and make sure that those norms become a practical reality on the ground. Such efforts must entail the development of instruments to assess their impact and effectiveness.

Mr. Chair