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**Mr Chairman**

On behalf of my delegation let me congratulate you and the members of the bureau on your election and ensure you of our support.

At the outset, let me associate myself with the statement delivered by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned

Moyement and Alzeria speaking on behalf of the African Group. South Africa

discussions of the rule of law at the national and international level since its introduction into the Sixth Committee in 2006. South Africa wishes to thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report (A/72/268) which my delegation has studied with keen interest. We commend the efforts of the international community in prioritising the rule of law as a critical component in peace building, conflict prevention and the realisation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Constitution refer expressly to international law. Section 37(4) provides that any  
legislation enacted in consequence of a declaration of a state of emergency may

consistent with the Republic's obligations under international law applicable to states