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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States would like to thank the Secretary General for his report on this agenda item.

We would also like to thank the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group and the Rule of Law Unit. The individuals who perform this work often do so under very difficult circumstances. We are deeply grateful for their efforts.

The Secretary General's report identifies a number of concerning trends. It says that in all parts of the world, there are significant political and security challenges, many of which have eroded progress in accountability, transparency, and the rule of law.

Among the most concerning of the Secretary General's findings is the global trend toward undermining the independence of judicial institutions. This is deeply unsettling. In every

reamble highlights the “seriousness of problems and threats posed by corruption to the stability

and justice and jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law.”

Having spoken mostly about concerning trends, let me also acknowledge some bright spots. We welcome the report that the number of female judges in Afghanistan has doubled since 2014. We also welcome the United Nations’ efforts in El Salvador, where reports indicate