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Mr. Chair,

Georgia aligns itself with the statement of the European Union delivered under the agenda item 86. Let me add the following remarks in my national capacity.

We express appreciation for the report of the Secretary-General on “Strengthening and Coordinating United Nations rule of law activities” (A/75/284) and commend the UN for the efforts to promote the rule of law globally.

Distinguished Delegates,

Georgia remains strongly committed to the rule of law and democracy, including promotion and protection of all human rights.

We fully concur with the view expressed in the Report that the rule of law is foundational to curbing corruption, restraining the abuse of power and establishing the social contract between people and the state.

In Georgia the Anti-Corruption policy, including Anti-Corruption Action Plan and Strategy documents cover wide ranging priority issues aiming at corruption prevention both in public and in private sectors.

Public Service Halls/Community Centres are effectively operating by offering simplified, bureaucracy-free services delivered based on “one-stop-shop principle”. E-

been domain, where government has invested in extensively which resulted in enhanced engagements of citizens in a policymaking cycle and prevention of corruption.

Amid Covid-19 challenges, we are all in need for resilient democracies with due respect for the rule of law and all human rights. As duly noted in the Report prisoners are one of the most vulnerable due to the pandemic. To effectively respond to this challenge since March 2020 the Special Conditions are applied to Georgian Penitentiary System taking proactive measures to prevent the possible application of a.317 06mInr G418-14.3 (e ar)-7.7 (e al)-0.6 (l)0.7 (

In full disregard for international law the Russian Federation as the power exercising effective control over the occupied Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions of Georgia, has intensified steps towards their factual annexation, seeking full incorporation of these territories into its military, political and economic systems.

The Russian Federation, as the occupying power has clear obligation to protect the local population of occupied Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions of Georgia and bears full responsibility for violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms therein.

I thank you.