

**Statement by Mr Mohammad Ghorbanpour,
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On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement
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On Agenda Item 85:

“The rule of law at the national and international levels”

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Madam Chairperson,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Non-Aligned Movement has diligently followed this item and believes that respect for the rule of law at the national and international levels is essential to maintaining international peace and security as well as achieving socioeconomic development.

The Non-Aligned Movement reiterates its position that it is indispensable in maintaining balance in the development of the national and international dimensions of the rule of law. We continue to believe that the rule of law from the international scope requires more meticulous attention by the Organization. The Charter of the

- The principle of the prohibition of the threat or use of force in international relations of States and peaceful settlement of disputes should constitute the cornerstone of the rule of law at the international level. In this regard, it is essential that Member States remain committed to a rule-based regime in the conduct of their respective relations with other Member States.

Madam Chairperson,

Last Year, the NAM Members engaged in the debate of the Sixth Committee on the subtopic identified in resolution A/74/191 Measures to prevent and combat

In the same spirit, the NAM Member States actively participated in the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Corruption held in the General Assembly hall from 2 4 June 2021. This session served as an opportunity to not only strengthen the fight against corruption on a global scale but also explored and discussed the creation of innovative tools and proposals to achieve this goal. The Political Declaration, which emanated from the UNGASS 2021, is an action-oriented document in which the political commitment of State parties to the UNCAC is matched by an effective and articulated international response to combat corruption. Moreover, it would also contribute in strengthening the rule of law at national and international levels.

Madam Chairperson,

The Movement reemphasizes that the principles and rules of international law are indispensable in preserving and strengthening the rule of law at the international level. Therefore, the Member States of the United Nations should renew their pledge to uphold, preserve and promote the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law with the purpose of further advancing towards the achievement of full respect of international law.

The Movement recognizes the serious danger and threats posed by the actions and measures which seek to undermine international law and international legal instrumentber 1 0 0 1 72national legal

Madam Chairperson,

The General Assembly must play a leading role in promoting and coordinating efforts towards strengthening the rule of law. However, the international community must avoid replacing the national authorities with the task of establishing or strengthening the rule of law at the national level and

for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including self-