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The rule of law at the national and international levels
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Mr. Chair,

Brazil thanks the Secretary-General for his latest report on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities.

Respect for the rule of law at the international level means that no single country, no matter how powerful it is, is exempt from rigorous compliance with its international legal obligations. International law, particularly the Charter of the United Nations, must remain at the center of the international order. Otherwise there will be no order.

Article 2.4 is regarded as one of the most important provisions of the UN Charter, as it acknowledges the primacy of international law over force. The

Brazil has been a supporter of the United Nations, spearheaded by the General Assembly, in its task to promote the progressive development and codification of international law. Therefore, we reiterate our appreciation for the work of the International Law Commission towards the achievement of this objective.

Mister Chair,

of personal data. Brazil has a solid regulatory framework to ensure the rule of law in the virtual domain, including its Civil Framework of the Internet and the General Law on the Protection of Personal Data.

It is also crucial to strike a fine balance between the importance of upholding the rights to the freedoms of expression and of association and the need to hold accountable those responsible for spreading hate speech and disinformation or for making use of the internet and social media platforms to pursue criminal activities.

Mister Chair,

The Sustainable Development Goal 16 can be attained by ensuring national ownership, policy space and means of implementation. Its implementation must strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance, in particular the United Nations. Strengthening the rule of law in the UN largely depends on reforming the Organization to make it more legitimate and effective.

Mister Chair,

For decades now, we have been discussing in the General Assembly the issue of "equitable representation in the Security Council". Despite the overwhelming support of the membership for reform, and especially for a reform that increases the number of members of the Council in both categories, we have made very little progress so far in making the Council more representative and effective. The passing of time is only making the representativeness gap more acute, with

detrimental consequences to its ability to maintain international peace and security.

The efforts to strengthen the rule of law in both national and international levels will contribute to a more peaceful and just world. Brazil will continue to support the work of the UN, spearheaded by the General Assembly, in the progressive development and codification of international law.

I thank you.