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Mr. Chairman,

- 1. Thank you for giving me the floor. The delegation of Ghana welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the discussion on the international and national dimensions of the rule of law, a subject of fundamental importance to the realization of the values and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations.
- In aligning ourselves with the statements of the African Group and the Non-Aligned Movement, we would like to make the additional remarks in our national capacity.
- 3. At the outset, we thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive and informative report contained in document no. A/78/184 and endorse the continuing focus of the United Nations in support of the rule of law at the national and international levels.
- 4. We are particularly appreciative of the Secretary-; YbYfU`Ñg personal commitment to advancing a New Vision of the Rule of law with a people-centered approach to governance and justice. Such an approach is critical in our view to the realization of

commitments to uphold the principle. The pursuit of immediate and inward-looking interests above the long-term collective interests of the greater masses have contributed to the many complex and compounding challenges of our time.

- 8. For Ghana, we have no doubt that it is precisely because of the authoritative value of the rule of law among nations that most Member States see violations clearly when they occur and remain dissatisfied when rules persist in serving the interest of a few rather than the aspirations of all.
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international adjudicating bodies but importantly, comply with their decisions.

effectively with complaints. Positive impacts are being recorded as the programme is progressively rolled out to all 16 administrative regions of the country with a view to achieving country-wide access.

Mr. Chairman,

- 13. As we advocate for the enhanced use of technology in the delivery of justice, we emphasize the need to bridge technology gaps, strengthen ICT and STEM literacy and improve internet penetration and access in less endowed communities. We also encourage cooperation among member States in the areas of capacity building and training, technology transfer and sharing of best practices.
- 14. In bringing our statement to a close, allow me to re-affirm ; \UbUllig`i bk Uj Yf]b[`Wca a]ha Ybh`hc`i d\c`X]b[`h\Y`fi `Y`cZ``Uk` as a fundamental element of multilateralism and the rule of law.

Thank you for your kind attention.