

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-

In this regard, it is necessary that countries share best practices, technical knowhow, and resources to ensuring safe and secure use of ICTs to enhance law enforcement and judicial organs.

Mr. Chair,

Rule of law, at the international level and in the global institutions still suffers from serious shortcomings. Unilateral coercive measures, inequitable international cooperation, biased interpretation and application of international norms and treaties, systemic double standards, and indisposition to serve justice have undermined rule of law at the international level. Hostility towards states and use of modern technology to redouble pressure and discredit governments is a continuing unfortunate practice.

Furthermore, despite our cardinal principle that guarantees sovereign equality of states, UN institutions including the UN Security Council remain unrepresentative and undemocratic. The working method of the Council that has no regard to the voice and representation of the country concerned is also antithesis of rule of law. The lack of rule of law at the helm of the United Nations is bound to cascade over its decisions and their credibility.

In conclusion, Ethiopia reiterates the need to recognize the impact lawlessness has on promoting instability and underdevelopment. It is high time for community of nations to preserve and demand respect for international laws.

I thank you.