

Statement by Texine Daw , First Secretary at Permanent Mission of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to the United Nations at the Plenary Meeting of the Sixth Committee on Agenda Ite m 83 - The Rule of Law at National and International level V ´

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Thank you Chair

Guyana aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

I thank the Secretary General for the report under this agenda item and note with appreciation his New Vision for the rule of law.

Adherence to the rule of law is the foundation of friendly and equitable relations between States. It is critical to peace, security, political stability, and economic and social development. It is also the social contract between people and State.

The rule of law is the foundation on which the United Nations rests. It requires adherence to the principles of supremacy of the law, equality and fairness in the application of the law, separation of powers, legal certainty, accountability, transparency and the avoidance of arbitrariness.

Sadly, there is a global decline in respect for the rule of law which is exacerbated by conflict situations and disregard for human rights. We must collectively insist that the rule of law is always adhered to without

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