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**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation aligns itself with the statements made respectively by the distinguish representatives of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and of South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

I would like also to express our appreciations to the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for his comprehensive report entitled "Strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities" (A/69/181).

**Mr. Chairman,**

Rule of law at the international level should be equally applied to all States, International Organizations, including the United Nations and its principal organs. The primary role of the General Assembly in the promotion of the rule of law in all its aspects, particularly by encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification, is paramount and should be strengthened.

In this regard, the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly as well as the whole process of the United Nations reform, have to be carried out in a way that seeks first and foremost the promotion of the rule of law at the international level. A harmonious and more balanced relationship between the principal organs of the UN, particularly the General Assembly and the Security Council, has to be one of the main targets.

My delegation would like to seize this opportunity to reiterate its call for a comprehensive reform of the Security Council, including its expansion in both categories of membership, and to correct the historical injustice done to the African Continent.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Sovereign equality of States is also an important element in the promotion of rule of law at the international level. Any selectivity in this regard is a clear violation of both the principles and spirit of the UN Charter.

In this regard, the inalienable right to self-determination of peoples under colonial domination and foreign occupation must be respected and applied without any selectivity.

**Mr. Chairman,**

With regard to the rule of law at the national level, allow me to make the following remarks about my country's experience.

Algeria has made considerable efforts aiming at strengthening at all levels the rule of law.

Article 97 of our Constitution states clearly that "*Treaties, and conventions ratified by the President of the Republic in accordance with the conditions provided by the Constitution are superior to the law*". In practice this binding provision leads to the adaptation of our national legal system to the international legislation and standards.

In this vein, it is worthy to recall that Algeria has ratified or joined all the major international treaties and conventions and subsequently integrated their provisions into its national legal system.

Moreover, over the last few years, Algeria has made tremendous efforts to strengthen democracy, ensure access to justice, advance human rights, build a strong economic base and address the legitimate aspirations of the Algerian people.

In fact, it is in the field of women rights that the progress is the most remarkable. Indeed, Algeria is ranked first in the Arab and Muslim world for the number of women in the National Assembly with 31.60% of representation, in the Government, also, with 7 women holding key portfolios, and even in the Army.

Also, Algeria succeeded to reach all the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's), in particular the Millennium Goals number 3 and 5, well before the agreed date of 2015.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, Algeria, which enjoys a remarkable political and social stability and strong economic growth, plays a decisive role in the stabilization of the increasingly volatile Maghreb-Sahel region. In this regard, Algeria assists, supports and cooperates with all its neighbors in combating and eradicating terrorism, restoring peace and security within their borders, preserving their national unity and territorial integrity and creating the necessary conditions for development in this region.

I thank you.