



STATEMENT

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UNDER AGENDA ITEM 83:

**"THE RULE OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
LEVELS"**

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Chairperson,

1. Since we are taking the floor for the first time, in this Committee during the 78th Session of the GA, let me congratulate you Chair and your bureau members for assuming leadership of this Committee. You can certainly count on Botswana's full support.
2. Botswana fully aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Group. We however wish to make a few additional remarks in our national capacity.
3. I welcome the opportunity to contribute in this discussion on the agenda item The Rule of Law at the National and International Levels. We recognize the immense significance of this issue and the impact it has on global and domestic affairs.

Chairperson,

4. My delegation wishes to thank the Secretary General for his report contained in document A/78/184, and the New Vision for the Rule of Law, which places people at the center of justice systems.
5. Furthermore, we fully welcome and support the calls for Member States to fulfill their obligations in promoting universal respect for and protection of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.
6. We also firmly believe that it is important for all States to respect the UN Charter in order to maintain international peace, security, prevent conflicts and uphold justice.

Chairperson,

7. Botswana maintains the belief that the preservation of the rule of law aligns harmoniously with the foundational pillars of Peace and Security, Human Rights and Development. Consequently, our unwavering dedication persists in upholding the principles of the UN Charter, International law, and the objectives outlined in SDG 16.
8. Our dedication to promoting the rule of law extends to both national and international level. Nationally, we are actively engaged in constitutional reforms, ensuring access to justice for all, combating of corruption, prevention and countering of terrorism. These concerted actions reflect our commitment to upholding the rule of law in our country.
9. Moreover, we stand ready to work with members of the international community and other relevant stakeholder in advancing and promoting respect for the rule of law at a global scale. We are convinced that it is through collective efforts that we can address the challenges, fill in the gaps and continue to improve legal systems at all levels.

Chairperson,

10. In conclusion, please accept Chair, reaffirmation of our support to and constructive engagements on this item during deliberations by the Sixth Committee.

I thank you for your attention.