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### The rule of law at the national and international levels

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Madame la Présidente,

La Suisse tient à exprimer sa gratitude au Secrétaire général pour son rapport sur le renforcement et la coordination de l'action des Nations Unies dans le domaine de l'état de droit.

Pour la Suisse, il est capital que l'ordre international soit fondé sur l'état de droit et le droit international. Le respect du droit international et des traités internationaux est un facteur essentiel au maintien de relations de confiance entre États. L'état de droit est capital non seulement pour la paix et la sécurité internationales mais aussi pour le progrès économique et social, le développement et la protection des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales.

De nombreux organes internationaux contribuent de façon notable au renforcement de l'état de droit. Permettez-moi de mentionner à ce titre la Commission du droit international (CDI) qui a pour mission d'encourager le développement progressif du droit international et sa codification. Nous encourageons

Nous constatons depuis plusieurs années une pression croissante sur l'ordre international fondé sur le droit ainsi que des attaques contre le multilatéralisme et les institutions internationales en général. La Suisse continuera à promouvoir le respect de l'état de droit qui est d'ailleurs inscrit dans sa Constitution.

For several years now, we have seen the rules-based international order come under increasing pressure, as well as more and more attacks on multilateralism and international institutions in general. Switzerland will continue to promote respect for the rule of law, which is enshrined in its Federal Constitution.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) is an essential component of the multilateral architecture for safeguarding the rule of law. It was established to fight impunity for the most serious crimes under international law and to render justice to victims, irrespective of who might be the perpetrators. It is a strong symbol of universal justice and a reminder that rule of law applies to all. We therefore encourage those Member States that have not yet done so to ratify the Rome Statute. We will continue to fulfil our obligation to cooperate, and call upon all States to also extend their full cooperation to the Court.

In the fight against impunity, Switzerland supports efforts that are complementary to those of the ICC. We support, for example, the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in Syria and the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar. Switzerland calls on all Member States to give both mechanisms their full political and financial support and to cooperate with them.

To conclude, Switzerland would like to reiterate what ought to be clear: the role played by the ICC and other international mechanisms is subsidiary to that of States. States have the primary responsibility to investigate and prosecute the most serious crimes. We call on all States to assume this responsibility and to strengthen the rule of law.

I thank you.