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Thank you madame chair for giving me the floor

We thank the Secretary General for his report

Ethiopia aligns itself with the statement s delivered on behalf of the Africa Group and the Non Aligned Movement.

Madame Chair,

Ethiopia commends the focus given to rule of law in the report of the Secretary General under ${}^\prime R \ X \ U \ F \ R n Pa Per enda \ \mu$ Predictable legal system with competent and legitimate legislative and independent judicial organs is a corner stone of national governance . This is especially true , for countries with social and political pluralism .

free, fair, credible and democratic nat ional election. The motivation of t he Ethiopian public that , against all odds , voted with a record number o f voter- turn out was also a test imony for the popular ownership and franchise we created on our national processes.

With regard to attenuating the impact of Covid - in the justice system, we noted with interest , the works of the UN to cooperate with member states, to find alternative means and solution for the global pandemic . My delegation believes, with the right contextualization this lesson can be scaled up to other developing countries.

Madame Chair,

The past year has also be en a time of un precedented trial for my country. Ethiopia. Attack waged against federal institutions, including the defense for ce, by a lawless criminal group with a clear motive to bring the survival of the nation to the brink was reversed with an extensive national effort.

Rule of law and competent and independent i nstit ution s buil t at time s of peace rescued the nation during this national crisis. The experience has also been one where Ethiopia drew a lesson on the timeless need to augment implementation of equality before the law, equal representation and administration of diversity. Such a system is necessary to build a sustainable and durable rule of law app aratus.

Madame Chair ,