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Madam/Mr. Chair,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report.

We align ourselves with the statement given by European Union and I would like to make three additional remarks.

1. [Strengthening the Rule of Law at the National Level]

First, as the Secretary _____, the UN assistance to the promotion of the rule of law is essential to realizing the Sustainable Development Goals. The Netherlands is convinced that building peaceful and inclusive societies requires a people-centered rule of law and access to justice. SDG16 is an important accelerator of much needed progress across the entire 2030 agenda. It contributes to the eradication of poverty

In addition, in the next report we would welcome information on established procedures, open to third parties filing a complaint or request for indemnification for damages caused to them by the Organization and – more specifically – on the implementation of resolution A/RES/52/247 on third party liability. This seems particularly acute in respect of the Organization's operational activities such as in the field of peacekeeping missions.

Finally, we would welcome inviting the International Law Commission to move the topic "The settlement of international disputes to which international organizations are parties" from the long-term programme of work to its programme of work. These steps would help to strengthen the Organization's own credibility in this crucial area.

Thank you Chair