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Mr. Chairman,

Brazil aligns itself with the statement delivered by Ecuador on behalf of CELAC and thanks the Secretary-General for his annual report on this agenda item. As we approach the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter – no doubt, the most important multilateral treaty ever written – my delegation looks forward to engaging in a fruitful debate on the role of multilateral treaty processes in promoting and advancing the rule of law.

Mr. Chairman,

Seven decades ago, this Organization was established on the ideal of building an international order based on justice and cooperation. Upholding International Law, with the UN Charter at its centre, is not only desirable – it is the only responsible course of action. Regrettably, the first years of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century offer signs of systemic stress, that carry the risk of eroding the existing order and undermining respect for the UN Charter, especially regarding the rules governing the use of force.

The negative effect of such transgressions is not limited to tragic consequences in terms of human casualties, humanitarian crises and destabilization in certain regions of the world. They are also problematic from a systemic perspective, since these expressions of disregard for International Law indirectly encourage other actors behave likewise.

As we celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Charter, let us all renew our commitment to its letter

known as responsibility while protecting (A/66/551-S/2011/701). Similarly, we have been working with Germany in the Third Committee and in the Human Rights Council to safeguard the right to privacy in the digital age and ensure that human rights are equally protected offline and online.

As we prepare for a broad review of peace operations, of the peacebuilding architecture and of the role of women, peace and security, the 70