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The Bangladesh delegation takes note of the Secretary General's report containing information on the work of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group, and that of the Rule of Law Unit on its behalf. We underscore the importance of enhancing

as a State Party to most of the seminal human rights, international humanitarian law, disarmament, criminal justice and environmental protection treaties, Bangladesh welcomes the growing number of ratifications and accessions to the core instruments in those domains. Our delegation has been pleased to deposit our Instrument of Ratification to the Paris Agreement at the high-level event on 21 September 2016. As a climate vulnerable country, we appreciate the Agreement's ratification by some of the key international actors, and invite other major carbon-emitting countries to join the Agreement to lend further credibility to their nationally determined actions to mitigate climate change impacts.

We draw satisfaction from the progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee on developing recommendations for a draft international legally binding instrument on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. Bangladesh wishes to see broad-based agreement in the Preparatory Committee on certain fundamental issues of concern, including the scope of the proposed legal instrument. A selective approach largely from political or commercial considerations would compromise the guiding principle of the 'common heritage of mankind' for the Area and the High Seas.

We also reaffirm our abiding support and advocacy for concluding work on a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism and a Comprehensive Convention on Nuclear Disarmament under the auspices of the UN.

Bangladesh recognises the work on further streamlining the depository functions of the Secretary General and on rationalizing the division of labour among the various entities serving as Secretariats for different multilateral treaties. Bangladesh would be positively disposed to considering this Committee's possible work on reviewing the regulations giving effect to Article 102 of the UN Charter, including for promoting further efficient use of the UN Treaty Collection website.

Central African Republic, Mali, South Sudan and Darfur, Sudan. As a troop and police contributing country to the UN peacekeeping missions deployed in those countries,

