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Mr. Chairman

My delegation would like to thank the Assistant Secretary General for introducing the Secretary General's report which clearly demonstrates the commitment of the UN for strengthening of the rule of law as one of its high priorities.

We commend the Secretary-General for his leadership in advancing the issue of the rule of law. Serbia supports the activities of the United Nations in promoting the rule of law and the work of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group. These efforts

respect of national sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs.

Mr. Chairman,

We believe that at the national level, the rule of law is the foundation of a

capacities, freedom of the media and the promotion of human rights in each and every  
government of its society.

Within the European Union accession process, Serbia has opened, among others, Negotiating Chapters 23 and 24 (judiciary and fundamental rights and justice, freedom and security). Accordingly, it proceeded to draft relevant Action Plans with a set of very ambitious reform steps. They are reflective of the best practices of the European countries and provide for clearly defined activities and distinct indicators. Their implementation is reviewed every four months and regular reports are submitted to the Government of Serbia and the European Commission.

Within the European integrations process, the Judicial Reform Strategy for 2013-2018 has been adopted with a relevant Action Plan and Constitutional Amendments have been drafted providing for the independence of the judiciary in line with the opinion of the Venice Commission, aimed at increasing the independence from the executive power.

The National Strategy for the Prosecution of War Crimes was adopted in 2016, aimed at creating conditions for improving investigation efficiency and war crimes prosecution.

Mr. Chairman,

Serbia firmly believes that international order, based on the rule of law and the

international law, with clear rules, is a key prerequisite for preventing conflict and

In conclusion, let me reiterate my country's commitment to the strengthening of the rule of law at both the national and international level. The rule of law is the basis for ensuring legal security and justice for individuals and for the community.

Thank you.