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We thank the UN Secretary General for his Report A/75/284 and ackno led!e the "nrelentin! assistance e#tended \$y\$ the UN to %e&\$er\$ States in pro&otin! R"le of la at the national and international le'els and ens"rin! respect for h"&an ri!hts partic"larly in the conte#t of (o'id)\*+ pande&ic,

2, We associate o"rsel'es ith the state&ent deli'ered \$y\$ the -sla&ic Rep"\$lic of -ran on \$ehalf of the Non)Ali!ned %o'e&ent .NA%/, - o"ld like to &ake the follo in! re&arks in o"r national capacity,

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- o, -ndia1s ci'ili2ational ethos sees the orld ', -\*. /'&0. 1') (/2 and its drea&s ha'e \$een o'en aro"nd the the&e of peacef"l co)e#istence, -ndia \$elie'es that the ad'ance&ent of the r"le of la at the national le'el is essential for the protection of de&ocracy, h"&an ri!hts and f"nda&ental freedo&s, as ell as for socio)econo&ic!ro th, 3his sho"ld \$e\$ the pri&ary o\$4ecti'e of all States,
- 4, United Nations is \$ased on the principle of so'erei!n e5"ality that is all States ha'e e5"al stat"s re!ardless of their si2e, (onse5"ently, application of r"le of la at the international le'el sho"ld, at the 'ery \$est, ser'e to protect the so'erei!n e5"ality of states, 3his ill a"to&atically &ean, \$y e#tension, protectin! the so'erei!nty and inte!rity of States fro& a!!ression, the &ost 'icio"s of hich is terroris& especially cross \$order terroris&, (onse5"ently, respect for r"le of la is f"nda&ental hen it co&es to inter)relationship \$et een &e&\$er states of the UN, Witho"t this, the edifice of the United Nations and international 6a cr"&\$led,
- 5, We ha'e seen instances here decisions of international 4"dicial \$odies are not \$ein! respected or !i'en effect to \$y co"ntries, 3his is clearly "naccepta\$le, We are also a are of trans! ression of international r"le of la tho"!h a!! ression and terroris&, We call on all &e&\$er states to respect r"le of la at international le'el,
- 7, -t is ith this in 'ie that -ndia has all ays en!a!ed acti'ely in international efforts to de'elop nor&s, standards, and la s!o'ernin!!lo\$al interactions across

'ario"s sectors, -ndia also \$elie'es in peacef"l settle&ent of disp"tes accordin! to laid do n la s,

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- 7, 8ffecti'e &"Itilateralis& and international r"le of la re5"ires that the !lo\$al !o'ernance str"ct"res sho"ld reflect conte&porary realities, 3he c"rrent UN str"ct"res ere desi!ned for a \$y!one era \$y a handf"l of nations, 9or retainin! le!iti&acy and effecti'eness, f"nda&ental refor& of these str"ct"res, especially the Sec"rity (o"ncil is needed,
- 8, Un4"st or discri&inatory la s that do not \$alance co&petin! interests in a fair &anner, or those desi!ned and i&ple&ented \$y po ers that are not representati'e, only f"el lon!)ter& conflict thro"!h stasis in decision)&akin!,

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- \*0, Accordin! to the GA Resol"tion 74/2:7, the foc"s of o"r de\$ate in the present Session is on the s"\$)topic; %eas"res to pre'ent and co&\$at corr"ption<,
- \*4, -n this conte#t, -ndia contin"es to &ake serio"s efforts to \$rin! its national la s in consonance ith its international o\$li!ations, -n -ndia, the la relatin! to corr"ption is \$roadly !o'erned \$y the -ndian >enal (ode, \*87: .->(/, the >re'ention of (orr"ption Act, \*+88, %oreo'er, the 8#tradition Act, \*+72 and \$ilateral arran!e&ents for &"t"al le!al assistance are the tools on hich e seek to \$"ild international cooperation,
- \*5, -ndia has taken a hard line stance on corr"ption and has pro&pted the introd"ction of se'eral le!islati'e &eas"res ai&ed at tacklin! corr"ption, incl"din! the esta\$lish&ent of an independent o&\$"ds&an called as the ;6okpal< to in'esti!ate and prosec"te cases of corr"ption \$y p"\$lic officials,
- \*7, -ndia is a party to the UN (on'ention a!ainst (orr"ption .UN(A(/ and the UN (on'ention on 3ransnational ?r!ani2ed (ri&e and its three >rotocols, \$oth of hich &andate the cri&inali2ation of corr"ption and \$ri\$ery of p"\$lic officials, -n 2:\*8, the >re'ention of (orr"ption Act .the ;>(A</ as si!nificantly a&ended ith the intention of re&o'in! any inconsistencies and ali!nin! the pro'isions of the >(A ith -ndials international o\$li!ations "nder the UN(A(,

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\*7, Any approach to co&\$atin! corr"ption o"ld need to \$e &"Itifaceted, as the pro\$le& itself has a n"&\$er of di&ensions, Go'ern&ents o"ld ha'e to constantly - ,à 10-! /P "@

Asse&\$ly a!ainst corr"ption, to \$e held in 2:2\* ill pro'ide the ri!ht for"& to share national e#periences and !ood practices and to identify ne and inno'ati'e approaches to the fi!ht a!ainst corr"ption,

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