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5. All the instruments, norms and principles that

protocols. The rule of law is also a fundamental principle in our National jurisprudence.

7. Nigeria considers the rule of law



2015 (ACJA); Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2015; HIV/AIDS (Anti-Discrimination) Act 2014; Anti-Torture Act 2017; Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshot Act, 2017; National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment) Act, 2017; Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, Act, 2017; National Disability Act, 2019.

11. Our Judicial system plays a pivotal role in the promotion and protection of the rights of the people through effective oversight of both the executive and the legislative arms of government. The role of the judiciary as the final arbiter among the three branches of government and in the electoral process has further strengthened enabling environment for peace and stability to thrive in Nigeria.

12. The Rule of Law drives the fight against corruption in Nigeria. The work of the various anti-corruption agencies such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the

Independent Corrupt Practices and Related Offences  
Commission (ICPC),



Criminal Court (ICC) and other international tribunals in the peaceful resolution of international disputes. Our support for peacekeeping since our independence in 1960 is an expression of our commitment to international peace, security and the rule of law.

15. Nigeria appreciates the sustained initiative of the United Nations to promote the rule of law and transitional justice in conflict and post-conflict societies all over the world. We commend the Secretary-General for his unwavering advocacy and support for the rule of law. Addressing the global rule of law deficit should be considered an imperative for all; without strengthening the rule of law at the national level, there will be no platform upon which the rule of law would stand at the international level. Therefore, member states should collectively work to attain a world where the rule of law, accountability and social justice are the

foundation for sustainable development and lasting peace. This must be made a priority for the international community, for world leaders and for all peoples.

I thank you, for your attention.