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Rule of law key in resolving international disputes – Zambia

NEW YORK, Friday, October 11, 2013 – Zambia says adherence to the rule of law, accountability and equality before the law is cardinal in resolving national and international disputes.

Addressing the Sixth Committee of the United Nations in New York on Agenda Item number 85 on “*The Rule of Law at National and International Levels*”, Zambia’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Dr Mwaba Kasese-Bota, said Zambia supports the call to foster the rule of law at the international level, particularly with regard to the settlement of international disputes.

“Zambia believes that adherence to the principles of supremacy of the law, accountability to the law, equality before the law and fairness in the application of the law, among others, is cardinal in ensuring respect for the institutions vested with the power of adjudication on international disputes,” she said.

The Ambassador said, with regard to the supremacy of the law, the international community should be guided in its actions by the law as provided for in the relevant legal instruments, which also respect the supremacy of the Member States’ legal framework.

The Ambassador said, in a bid to further enhance democracy, Zambia was currently reviewing the national constitution.

“Zambia has continued to participate in the promotion of the rule of law at the International level by contributing troops and other personnel to conflict and post-conflict situations around the world,” she said.

Dr Kasese-Bota pledged Zambia's continued assistance to the UN "to achieve the global aspiration of creating a peaceful and orderly world based on the principle of the rule of law".

However, she noted that implementation of the rule of law remained a challenge in most developing countries, despite some achievements, mainly due to lack of financial resources.

"We call upon the rest of the international community to render more technical assistance and capacity building in order to further enhance and strengthen the institutions meant for the promotion, development and implementation of the rule of law," said Dr Kasese-Bota. "Zambia remains grateful to its cooperating partners for the continued support to structures enforcing rule of law."

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