

STATEMENT BY MR. KENJI TSUKI
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ON THE RULE OF LAW

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(Chairman's Report)

Mr. Chairman,

Japan wishes to express its strong support for all national and international efforts to bring to justice those deprived of their freedom.

In particular, international courts and tribunals play a vital role in maintaining peace and security through the strengthening of the rule of law. The invaluable contribution of the Declaration of the High-Level Meeting on the Rule of Law last year, Japan attaches much importance to supporting international courts and tribunals, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). We will continue to support these institutions.

One of the purposes of the General Assembly is to promote progressive development. Article 13 of the U.N. Charter is in this regard. Japan commends the work of the International Law Commission (ILC) playing an important role in codifying and progressively developing international law. We will continue to support the ILC on the basis of the yearbook of international law.

