

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,
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Ladies and Gentlemen

“The rule of law has only truly been on a path that the adoption of the Declaration on the High Level Panel of Experts’ Report on the Rule of Law at the 66th Session of the General Assembly on 24 September 2012 marked a new and unique opportunity for Member States, Regional Organizations and Civil Society to strengthen the rule of law. It seems that the Declaration will take many years to come. But we are confident that it can be improved with an aim to develop its context.”

We welcome the report of the Secretary General on “Measuring the effectiveness of the United Nations system’s support to the rule of law” published under the symbol S/2015/41. This succinct document is an important tool that we all can benefit from. We believe that it will be used to strengthen the ability of UNDACT to deliver its mandate more effectively and efficiently.

Mr. Chairman,

The rule of law goes hand in hand with democracy and human rights. They are mutually reinforcing, and they belong to the universal and indivisible core values and principles of the United Nations. We must respect for and observe and promote the freedoms of all. But the rule of law is not just a slogan. We must recognize the close relations between the rule of law and sustained and inclusive

economic growth, sustainable employment, eradication of poverty and hunger, gender equality, and facilitating entrepreneurship, all of which in turn reinforce the rule of law. In that context I would like to draw attention to a relevant meeting of the High Level Panel of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sustainable Development, which took place last week of the 68th General Assembly.

We believe that there is no dividing line between international and national law. The rule of law is at the heart of life in a democratic society. We believe that the rule of law is a common denominator of all the States. The principle of the rule of law is a declaration of intent that all States are bound by the same set of laws in every respect and that the rule of law is a condition for a secure and sustainable future.

Mr. Chair,

Today, upholding the rule of law is not an option, but is a must which is incumbent on us. We all have a historic responsibility to our present and future generations to create the conditions for a secure and sustainable future. The rule of law is a condition for a secure and sustainable future.

The question now that we need to answer is what else can we do to promote the rule of law at national and international levels. Taking into account the relationship between the development goals, the promotion of human rights, and maintenance of peace and stability, the High Level Panel of Experts' Implementation Task Force can help member States to implement the principles of the rule of law.

Thank you.