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ON THE RULE OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
LEVELS

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Mr. Chairman,

Japan wishes to reiterate its strong support for the Rule of Law at the national and international levels, with conviction that without which, any societal system would be deprived of its foundation. Japan considers the

Handbook will be helpful to Member States that have not accepted ICJ's compulsory jurisdiction yet to reconsider. Japan has also been a staunch supporter of other international courts, such as the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), not only through our financial contributions, but also by sending competent judges to all of these organizations. Japan has also supported the activity of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA).

Thirdly, regional frameworks have played a crucial role in promoting the Rule of Law on both the international and domestic levels. For example, Japan has <sup>7</sup>