My delegation welcomes the proposal of the Secretary-General, especially on developing a plan of action, or a strategy on furthering the linkages between the rule of law, human rights, peace and security and development. In this process, we could also render our discussions more productive by enlarging our engagement with various stakeholders.

Mr. Chairman,

As it became evident during the deliberations of post-2015 development agenda, access to justice is one of the important ingredients for sustainable development. Given that there is a close relation between access to justice and the rule of law, we believe that a holistic and comprehensive approach to the rule of law, encompassing all related concepts and principles, is required to achieve our common goal of nurturing peaceful and inclusive societies.

In this respect, I would like to share some of our experience and effort in promoting access to justice in the Republic of Korea. They rest upon the principles of openness, transparency of legal systems, and the responsiveness of judicial authorities.

In terms of openness and transparency, we put emphasis on access to information relating to judicial institutions and legal systems, with the conviction that the free flow of information is the cornerstone of a just judicial system. All court judgments and prosecutors' decisions are open to public physically and electronically; electronic litigation system is in place; and information on national laws is available at all times online and offline.

Second, bearing in mind that the cost of legal advice and representation can constitute one of the major obstacles in accessing justice, the Republic of Korea is offering proactive and pro bono legal support, consisting of, inter alia, appointment of free public attorneys, litigation aid, and free legal counseling.

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