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Mr. Chairman

I would like to thank the Secretariat, and in particular the Rule of Law Unit, for providing us with an excellent report on United Nations rule of law activities. The report shows once again how a multitude of UN entities provide concrete support in this field, and thereby helps us

to understand the importance of the rule of law in the 21st century. This may not always be apparent when listening to our debates in the Sixth Committee, which occasionally gives the impression that States are divided over the rule of law as a concept, in particular over its precise definition, and over fears that the rule of law may be used as an excuse to interfere in internal matters. For all practical purposes, however, this perceived divide is far outweighed by what actually unites us. Promoting the rule of law is core business for this organization, provided at the request or with the consent of the countries concerned. What hampers UN rule-of-law related programmes is typically a lack of funding, and not a lack of political will.

Development. The SDGs contain numerous goals and targets that incorporate important elements of the rule of law, such as access to justice

