



Statement by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Binh Nien,
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at the 70th Session of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly
on the
rule of law at the national and international levels
(15 October 2015, New York)

Mr. Chairman,

1. As this is the first time I am taking the floor in the Sixth Committee, I would like to join previous speakers in congratulating you and the members of the bureau for their election. My delegation is proud to represent our full cooperation and support for the work of the Committee.

2. Viet Nam associates itself with the declaration adopted by the Democratic Republic of Congo on behalf of the African Union (AU), the African Union (AU), the Arab League (AL), the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) in support of the United Nations (UN) (NAM).

3. We thank the Secretary-General for his report on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities, which is a significant contribution to this field at the national and international levels. We also appreciate the efforts made by the UN Secretary-General, the rule of law coordination and resource Group, chaired by the Secretary-General, the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) Unit in promoting and implementing the rule of law.

Mr. Chairman,

4. The rule of law is a fundamental principle of international law and a cornerstone of justice in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of

three pillars of the rule of law at the national and international levels to ensure peace, peaceful settlement of disputes, effective protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard, we would like to emphasize the importance of the rule of law. The rule of law must be based on the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity of states, non-interference, non-use of force,

Mr. Chairman,

5. As a member of ASEAN, we are pleased to see the progress of the region in moving towards the goal of establishing a free and open ASEAN community by the year 2025, which will contribute to the region's political, economic, social, and cultural integration and sustainable development. We are committed to the ASEAN way of peace, stability and prosperity.

6. In this context, we are concerned about the unilateral actions of some states in the South China Sea in defiance of international law, posing threats to the stability and security of the region. We call upon all parties concerned to refrain from the threat or use of force and settle all disputes by peaceful means in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS Convention on the Law of the Sea. We emphasize the importance of the Code of Conduct for the South China Sea as well as the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea.

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7. Viet Nam wishes to see the rule of law in accordance with the fundamental principles of international law.

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I thank you Mr. Chairman.