



**STATEMENT**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Philippines aligns itself with the statements delivered by Iran on behalf of the

on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes is the authoritative articulation of our collective duty under the UN Charter to peacefully resolve disputes in the international arena.

The Declaration highlights stronger international cooperation—not international interference—in dismantling illicit networks and countering the world drug problem, as well as suppressing transnational organized crime; which include money laundering, trafficking in persons, trafficking in arms and other forms of organized crimes which threaten human rights, the rule of law, democracy, the security of societies and nations—and undermine sustainable development by undermining these imperative concerns.

The Secretary General's report notes the withdrawal of the Philippines from the

ICC. The decision to withdraw is the Philippines' principled stand against those who politicize human rights, even as our country's independent and well-functioning organs and