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Thank you, Chair.

in a cross-border context. Allow me to emphasize how much the HCCH appreciates the opportunity to share with the General Assembly, through this Committee, highlights of its work and the close parallels between the work of the HCCH and the United Nations on the promotion of the rule of law.

The Mandate and Scope of the HCCH

2. A global, intergovernmental organization, the origin of which can be traced back to 1893, the mandate of the HCCH is to progressively unify the rules of private international law through the framework of international Conventions and other instruments. The HCCH acts in the common interest of its 83 Members, which comprise 82 Member States across the globe, and the European Union. The overriding purpose of the HCCH framework is to provide individuals, families and children, businesses and investors, whose lives and activities cross the borders between different jurisdictions, with a high degree of legal certainty and predictability. The HCCH therefore establishes frameworks that include effective cooperation mechanisms that can overcome the challenges of cross-border procedures and promote the orderly and efficient settlement of disputes, good governance, sustainable development, and the rule of law. The

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14. The HCCH recalls SDG 17, which aims to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development. The HCCH notes in particular its continuing work in providing technical assistance and enhancing international cooperation, which adds to the steps taken towards target 17.14 in enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development. The work of the HCCH has a unique role to play as well in enhancing multi-stakeholder partnership envisaged in targets 17.16 and 17.17. The HCCH leverages its strong partnerships with many organizations active in the fields of international family and child protection law, international civil procedure and litigation, as well as international commercial and financial law. We also continue to explore novel approaches to building effective cooperative frameworks with governments, the United Nations, and other institutions and *ressively unifying private international law.*
15. The HCCH is honoured to deepen its close working relationship with the United Nations and stands ready to further contribute to the promotion of and respect for the rule of law at the national and international levels, including to the work of the Rule of Law Cooperation and Resource Group.

Conclusion

16. The future-oriented work of the HCCH is testament to its continuing relevance as the leading global organization that develops practical and modern private international law solutions. The HCCH strives for a closer cooperation with the United Nations in the discharge of its mandate, leveraging this effective partnership in order to promote the rule of law and ensure access to justice for all.
17. Thank you.