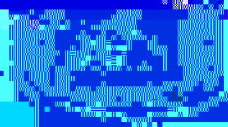


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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

Israel once again welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Rule of Law, a subject that has profound meaning and relevance to our Government. We remain deeply committed to this issue, and view it as one of the core values that should drive and

~~the spirit of the Sixth Committee and the global community as a whole.~~

~~On the domestic front, Israel's longstanding commitment to the rule of law in general~~

Ethiopian descent to our national courts, and of the first woman Kadiyah (religious judge) to a Muslim Sharia Court, which serves the Israeli Muslim community for matters related to personal status.

Mr. Chairperson

Israel is fully committed to human rights and we constantly strive to do more to both safeguard and promote a variety of rights including: women's rights, the rights of the child, the rights of people with disabilities, LGBTQ rights, the rights of minority groups, social and economic rights and more. We are also fully committed to fighting

Israel is party to all the major human rights treaties and reports, as required, on a

regular basis. Just this month we completed our presentation of our periodic report on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Geneva

commitment to this issue and how far we will go to put an end to sexual harassment and violence against women, not only in theory, but in practice as well.

Here at the UN, we are committed to sharing out best practices in this field as well, having co-founded the Group of Friends for the Elimination of Sexual Harassment,

harassment during the 2017 Conference of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Mr. Chairperson,

On the international plane, Israel is also involved in the promotion of the rule of law

also appreciate efforts to help ensure the safety of religious sanctuaries. We also welcome the event held in the General Assembly on antisemitism in June and expect

~~and expect to see a number of important and timely debates~~

~~Israel also wishes to express support for the Secretary General's emphasis on the issue~~

upon it -- opting, instead, to address delicate, complex and substantive matters without a well-founded assessment of its competence to do so -- undermines the validity of its own decisions and harms the credibility and integrity of that very institution.

Mr. Chairperson,

In closing, the State of Israel wishes to reiterate our commitment to the principle of rule of law and convey our wholehearted support for the UN's efforts in this vein. Israel stands ready to play an active and constructive role in backing and actively furthering these efforts both at home and abroad.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson