

**Statement on behalf of  
Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark**

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M(r/s) Chair,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden - and my own country - Denmark.

Strengthening the rule of law forms an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Promoting the Sustainable Development Goal regarding peace, justice and strong institutions is a priority for the Nordic countries and more pertinent than ever now, during the global pandemic. Ensuring transparent procedures, efficient decision-making and judicious institutions and officials are key factors when promoting the rule of law.

Today, there is a continuing negative slide towards weaker rule of law in many parts of the world – a situation the pandemic has done nothing to improve. Corruption and lack of transparency may thrive in such an environment. Promotion of rule of law ensures we avoid the unjust rule of the powerful.

In this light, the agreed sub-topic for this year's debate in the Sixth Committee on ‘

