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Mr./Madame Chair,

Rule of law is a fundamental principle that upholds the three pillars of work, namely, peace and security, development, and human rights. It helps us to create a stable international order and establish good governance, which underpins a solid foundation for economic development and inclusive societies where no one is left behind.

The Republic of Korea believes that without justice and strong institutions, we simply cannot accomplish sustainable development and enduring peace.

Mr./Madame Chair,

SDG 16 remains highly relevant in times of crisis, including the current COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic reminds us of the importance of inclusive and resilient societies. While we strive to flatten the curve and aim for a post-COVID-19 recovery, we should not disregard our common goal of promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions, which are the key elements of SDG 16.



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From the normative perspective, the International Law Commission (ILC) has a great role to play. The Republic of Korea looks forward to further contributions from the ILC for the progressive development of international law and its codification.

Once again, my delegation would like to express our strong commitment to promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels. We will continue to be actively engaged to this end.

Thank you. /End/