

STATEMENT

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RULE OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW LEVELS
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Thank you, Madam Chair.

At the outset, we align with the statements of Cambodia on behalf of ASEAN and of Iran on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

We also wish to thank the Secretary-General for the work on the report on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities. The Philippines attaches great importance on the leadership of the United Nations on the rule of law and agrees with the report of that the rule of law is the foundation of a fair and just society.

The Philippines reaffirms its adherence to the rule of law, its ideals and principles. We renew our support to the landmark Declaration on the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels which was adopted ten (10) years ago noting that its priority elements ranging from the peaceful settlement of disputes to the role of international tribunals, to human rights, anti-terrorism and the equality of men and women, remain as priorities of the UN and the Philippines.

In the past year, we amended laws on sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking, reinforcing the 3 K L O L S S L Q H V ¶ F R P P L W P H Q W W R S U H Y H Q W M a n C J D Q G against women and to secure their empowerment and full access to security and justice. A dedicated office was also created to ensure the safety and security of members of the judiciary, judicial personnel, and court assets enabling them to function independently and impartially in upholding the rule of law and guaranteeing effective, inclusive, and accountable justice and security institutions.

These new and updated laws added to the already robust and comprehensive legal framework of the Philippines on access to justice, consistent with its view on the critical importance of fair, stable, and predictable legal frameworks.

We FRPPHQG ~~Key~~ ~~supporting~~ role in promoting rule of law in the Philippines and are grateful for its support on capacity-building activities and strengthening rule of law institutions and access to justice initiatives.

As a founder of the United Nations, the Philippines was one of the first architects of the international rights system. This body of nations birthed the foundation of the international law framework ² the Charter of the United Nations. Each year, we renew our commitment to the UN and its Charter that enshrines, in the simplest of language, our hopes and aspirations for a progressive, peaceful, and secure world.

Actions that threaten or breach the peace must be condemned and held accountable at

available to a few. It is, after all, the rule of law, not the rule of the few.

In the first general debate of President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr., he announced
W K D W D Q ³ R S H O rules of law in international order that is governed by international law
D Q G L Q I R U P H G E \ W K H S U L Q F L S O H V R I H T X L W \ D Q G R I M X V W L
common vessel.

We look forward to continue working with the UN and other delegations to achieve this aspiration.

Thank you.