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Mr. Chair,

1. Allow me to join others in congratulating you along with members of the Bureau on your election. Please be assured of Thailand's full support and cooperation towards a successful conclusion of the session.

2. Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and Cambodia on behalf of ASEAN

3. Thailand also wishes to express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for his annual report on strengthening and coordinating rule of law activities at the national and international levels, as well as the support provided to Member States in promoting the rule of law.

Mr. Chair,

4. The rule of law is at the bedrock of inter-State relations and of multilateralism. It is the foundation upon which equity, justice and sustainability can flourish. It is indispensable to the peaceful coexistence and cooperation among States. It promotes predictability which is essential also to economic progress and prosperity.

5. For these and other reasons, Thailand is convinced that the promotion and respect for the rule of law, with people at the center, will steer us towards the realization of a peaceful, inclusive and just society, where no one is left behind. In this light, allow me Mr. Chair to highlight the following seven points:

6. First, Thailand reaffirms our commitment to the advancement of the rule of law (5)-3(.)ent

7. Second, Thailand supports UN efforts to promote the rule of law through capacity-building, technical assistance and dissemination of legal knowledge, including through the UN Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. Indeed, if knowledge is power, then knowledge of the law, and the rule of law, is empowering.

8. Third, Thailand recognizes the significant contribution of the International Law Commission (ILC) towards the promotion of the rule of law through its work on the progressive development of international law and its codification, and looks forward to exchanging views on the recent work of the ILC at the relevant, subsequent session.

9. Fourth, Thailand supports the promotion of the rule of law through equitable treaty-making and active engagement in international norm-setting and standard-making, including through becoming the 88th member of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) in 2021.

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