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**Statement delivered by**

**Mister Chair,**

Romania aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union and the distinguished representative of Austria on behalf of Group of Friends of the Rule of Law.

Our delegation welcomes the resumption of the debate in the Sixth Committee on the topic of the rule of law at the national and international levels and wishes to thank Secretary-General for his *Report on Strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities (A/79/117)*.

The report contains a detailed account of United Nations initiatives for the consolidation of the rule of law at national level across the world. We commend the United Nations for carrying out these wide-ranging capacity-building and technical assistance activities in support of its Member States. Such concrete advancements are especially important in the current context, which is marked by an erosion of democracy and rules-based governance. Reversing this very concerning trend is a task shared by us all.

We continue to believe that we can do more here, at the United Nations, to bring the rule of law agenda to the forefront, including through high-level meetings. Informal networks such as the Group of Friends of the Rule of Law can also be used as a platform for coordination and promotion of concrete initiatives that would advance the rule of law.

**Mister Chair,**

With reference to the rule of law at the international level, the activities of international courts and tribunals are of particular relevance to our debate.

Romania remains committed to supporting the rule of law at the international level.

confidence of the international community in its high-quality judicial work. Compliance with the Court's judgments is a legal obligation, as well as an essential factor for the