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## Assembly Sixth Committee: The Rule of Law at the National and International Levels Statement by Ms. Maria Warzinek, Legal Adviser

Mr. Chair,

The rule of law at the international level anchored in the UN Charter is critical to our peaceful and productive co-existence. This is particularly true for small and medium-sized states. However, the proliferation of illegal uses of force globally – most notably by Russia's aggression against Ukraine – as well as brazen violations of international humanitarian law, especially in the Middle East are undermining the post-World War II system that we built together to ensure the peace and security of all of our nations.

We must recall why this Organization was created in the first place: "to save future) I u A c in

representation, including gender equality, in all international legal fora. Sadly, the reality is starkly different: 28 out of 34 members of the International Law Commission are men and only 4 of 15 judges of the International Court of Justice are women. In comparison, the bench of the ICC is gender balanced. We must do better to achieve the same for the UN's highest court. The benefits of full, equal, and equitable participation in the international legal system are far-reaching. It will allow us to better tackle major global challenges from conflict prevention to climate change. Inclusivity ensures that all voices are heard and represented, fostering fairer solutions and stronger institutions.

I thank you.