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Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cambodia on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement and ASEAN respectively.

We also express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for his annual report which provides a comprehensive overview of the constructive role of the United Nations in assisting Member States to strengthen the rule of law at all levels.

Mr. Chairman,

The rule of law provides the essential foundation for a just and fair society at both the national and international levels. It also plays a crucial role in ensuring the peaceful settlement of disputes, political dialogue and cooperation among all States. The strengthening of the rule of law at the national and international levels has been an important component in accelerating the realization of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and socio-economic development of Member States as enhanced partnership is needed.

Mr. Chairman,

In order to achieve its ultimate goal of establishing a rule of law state, in 2009, the Lao Government adopted the Legal Sector Master Plan (LSMP) which laid out a framework for the country's first broad-ranging legal development. The Master Plan assesses the needs of the legal system and provide a series of guiding principles for developing a rule of law state and the action plan to achieve this goal. The implementation of the Master Plan has improved legislative development processes and enhanced coordinated legal system of our country. After the implementation of the 5-year workplan (2016-2020) on law making and amendment law by the National Assembly, the Lao Government has enhanced capacity, procedures, and standards of legislative development; improving legal institutions; promoting public awareness of legal rights and public participation in the legal system as well as increasing the effective implementation of the international instruments to which the Lao PDR is a party.

The Lao PDR attaches importance to the promotion of the rule of law at the international level. Therefore, we became party to a great number of important international conventions, treaties and instruments under the auspices of the UN and under other international, regional and bilateral frameworks. In September 2019, the Lao PDR deposited the instrument of ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and acceded to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the international Sale of Goods. Relevant provisions of those conventions, treaties and instruments that the Lao PDR is party have been transposed to domestic laws and regulations and are implemented in good faith. To date, the Lao PDR became party to more than 900 international conventions, treaties and instruments in various areas.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, the Lao PDR once again reaffirm its commitment to promote the rule of law at both the national and international levels in order to meet the need of our country's social and economic development and economic integration into the region and beyond.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.