



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman

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

Mr. Chairman,

2. The rule of law is the fundamental importance for political dialogue and cooperation among all States. The implementation of the rule of law at the national and international levels is crucial for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, peaceful settlement of disputes and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development.

Mr. Chairman,

3. In order to meet its international obligations in promoting the rule of law, the Lao PDR has ratified a number of international treaties under the auspices of the UN and under other international, regional and bilateral frameworks. To date, the Lao PDR is parties to more than 900 international conventions and treaties in various areas and has ratified, approved, accepted or acceded to more than 460 multilateral instruments under the UN, ASEAN and other frameworks. The treaties ratified by the Lao PDR are transposed into national laws and regulations and are implemented in good faith.
4. The Lao Government places high priority in establishing a rule of law in order to support the socio-economic development of the country. To help achieve this objective, in 2009 the Government adopted the Legal Sector Master Plan (LSMP) in order to meet the critical challenges as the country is making its utmost efforts towards regional and global integration as well to meet the needs of the socio-economic development of our country. The implementation of this Master Plan has improved legislative development processes. After the implementation of the 5-year workplan (2016-2020) on law marking and amendment law by the National Assembly, the Lao Government has enhanced capacity, procedures, and standards of legislative development; improving legal institutions and system; 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.

Mr. Chairman,

5. In conclusion, the Lao PDR firmly believes that the rule of law is a fundamental principle framework for the advancement of peace and security and development. The Lao PDR is committed to working with fellow member states, international organizations and other partners to further promote the rule of law at national and international levels.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.