

Statement by the Representative of Japan
At the Meeting of the Sixth Committee
on the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation to the Deputy Secretary-General for her briefing on the United Nations' rule of law activities.

The essence of the rule of law lies in the supremacy of law over arbitrary powers, ensuring that power is exercised to protect and benefit the people. A

foundation for a just and fair society at both the national and international levels, and its promotion is one of the pillars of Japan's foreign policy.

The international judicial organs play a crucial role in upholding the rule of law and ensuring the peaceful settlement of disputes. Noteworthy among these organs are the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation greatly appreciates the role of the UN in promoting and universalizing the rule of law, as described in the report. Specifically, the General Assembly plays a vital role in ensuring the progressive development and codification of international law. We welcome that this year active discussions were held at the International Law Commission (ILC) following the recent developments. We look forward to a similarly fruitful debate later this month.

Mr. Chairman,

Japan undertakes a broad range of activities in support of the rule of law, both domestically and internationally. For example, we work closely with the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

(AALCO) to promote discussion among its Member States on current topics related to international law.

