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Mr. Chairman,

As this is the first time that the Polish delegation is taking the floor, I would like to convey our congratulations on your election, as well as the election of the members of the Bureau.

Poland also aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union on this agenda item.

On behalf of the Polish delegation, I wish to present now our views on the subject of the rule of law at the national and international levels.

We welcome the *Report of the UN Secretary-General on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities, dated 11 July 2019* (A/74/139). This *Report* correctly identifies various challenges facing the rule of law, such as terrorism, organised crime, human trafficking, climate change, forced displacement, hate speech and impact of new technologies on modern societies (including problem of cybercrime). It also sums up the assistance provided by the United Nations during the last 12 months in relation to the rule of law at the national and international levels. In this regard we would like to commend United Nations' activities to promote the rule of law worldwide.

Mr. Chairman,