

Republic of Estonia
Statement by Ms. Liis Lipre-Järma
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“The rule of law at the national and international level”

Estonia aligns itself with the statement delivered earlier by the EU.

In addition I would like to make the following remarks:

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illustrate this point. The information revolution we experience these days has assisted Estonia to successfully and rapidly transform itself into a rule of law based, democratic society. Electronic solutions increase transparency and help to prevent and cut down corruption. And they reduce costs. Most importantly, however, they have increased the possibility to exercise fundamental rights and freedoms and improve inclusive and responsible governance. We know well from our experience in the 90s that even in modest circumstances, it is possible to implement IT solutions and to re-establish or increase the trust of citizens towards the state. This becomes especially essential in post-conflict societies, where the lack of trust and participation provides fertile ground for the recurrence of conflicts. Therefore Estonia wishes to share its E-governance skills and experiences and to continue to facilitate exchanges with partners worldwide.

Since 2000 the Government of Estonia has held its meetings paperless. In that connection let me commend the UN secretariat for its paperless approach here in the 6th Committee. It is not only environmentally friendly, but has the potential for tremendous cost saving. Estonia hopes that the 6th Committee will lead by example on this matter to other members of the UN family.
