



Statement by
The Delegation
On Agenda item 05
The rule of law at the national and international level

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Mr. Chairman,

At the distinguished Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia, ASEAN and the Non-Aligned Movement,

I would also like to thank the Secretary General for providing me with the agenda item on the rule of law contained in document A/68/1010.

As mandated by last year's resolution, my delegation will focus its statement on the topic "The rule of law and the peaceful settlement of disputes".

Mr. Chairman,

Before starting my statement, I would like to thank you for your kind invitation and foremost, take a look at where we are at the national level!

Indonesia

First, it is evident that the rule of law is the foundation of a democratic society, providing the essential framework in which a country's political, economic, social institutions may be established.

Third, my delegation will continue to support the rule of law as an integral part of Indonesia's democratic transition strategy.

- 1) Building the capacity of the police and other public institutions;
- 2) Increasing the people's awareness of the rule of law;
- 3) Building constituencies for legal reform.

This year, President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, at the United Nations General Assembly, reiterated his commitment to continue to improve and ensure equal access to justice for all.

We will continue on this path of improvement. We also hope to see best practices next year at this site.

Second, civil society and the media hold the government accountable.

The media has become more independent while at the same time, providing consistent criticism.

We have embraced both the freedom of opinion and the right of others to be heard.

The law enforcement should be carried out.

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia has a long history of law at the national and international level as the upholder of the rule of law.

With that background in mind, I wish to share Indonesia's perspectives on the rule of law at the international level.

The first element in the consideration of the rule of law is the near or full compliance commitment of all States to international law. A State must have an obligation to respect the legal rights of States, and to comply with its responsibilities under the law.

The second element is that the principal organs and specialized bodies of the United Nations operate under the highest standards of integrity and efficiency.

In our view, this extends to the United Nations and its specialized bodies that the Millennium Summit and the World Summit on the Information Society constitute important commitments.

Similarly, the United Nations and its specialized bodies should fulfill their vital functions.

The third element is closely managing the gap between commitments made at the international level and the implementation.

Although the main responsibility for such implementation lies with the States, it is not possible to ignore the role of the United Nations.

This fact provides an opportunity for the United Nations to support the efforts of the developing countries and its Member States in this regard through coordinated and timely assistance.

Mr. Chairman,

As one of the initiators of the Manila Declaration on the International Disputes Settlement Mechanism for Peace in accordance with the UN Charter.

Resolving international disputes through peaceful means is the main settlement mechanism between States.

The settlement contributes to the maintenance of international peace and her neighbors have not only does it resolve disputes in a dignified and friendly manner, enhance the relations between nations at large.

It is with a firm conviction that the peaceful relations of the United Nations.

Mr. Chairman,

It is our faith that the responsibility for resolving the disputes of the world should be entrusted to the United Nations.

Indonesia believes that the complete confidence of States in the rule of law, rather than being in a state of mutual distrust and conflict, is the development of mutual trust and confidence.

On our part, Indonesia stands for the improvement of the rule of law at the international level.

This is our common goal for the security, prosperity and justice for all.

I thank you.

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