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THE UNITED NATIONS, ON AGENDA ITEM 84, ON THE  
RULE OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS,  
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1. Mr. Chairman, Singapore associates itself with the statement delivered by the Kingdom of Cambodia on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). We will now speak to the themes for this

General, in our national capacity.

2. There are two themes for the  
of law at the national level.

3. Sharing national practices of States in the implementation  
that this subtopic  
presents, to build on our constructive exchange on multilateral treaties that we had  
engaged in last year. Earlier this year, together with the Permanent Mission of  
Romania and in cooperation with the Rule of Law Unit on behalf of the Rule of Law  
Coordination and Resource Group, my delegation organised a panel discussion on  
this subtopic. At that event, we heard how the implementation of multilateral treaties



the 69<sup>th</sup> session: (a) equal access to the legal system; (b) an incorrupt, competent and

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note that the Sixth Committee has been invited to consider revising the regulations with a view to achieving a number of objectives. The invitation and elements that we have been invited to revise appear to be sensible and pragmatic. We look forward to exchanging views with other delegations, and to receiving further information on these elements, so that we and other delegations in the Sixth Committee can take a considered decision on the way forward.

8. Mr. Chairman, Singapore is committed to the rule of law as a universal value. We recognise the close interrelationship between the rule of law at the national and international levels. At the same time, the rule of law must also be approached and applied in a way which recognises local actors, contexts and practical realities to achieve good governance and to promote the general welfare of the people. We are therefore pleased to have been able to share our national practices and the practical measures that we have undertaken under the themes for our discussion this year. We hope that the rule of law will continue to be placed squarely on the agenda and work of the United Nations in the years ahead.

9. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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