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Mr Chairman,

Slovenia fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. In addition, we wish to contribute to this important debate in our national capacity.

Allow me to begin by welcoming the Secretary-General's reports under this agenda item. Strengthening and promoting the rule of law, including respect for international law, has been one of Slovenia's long-standing priorities. Slovenia recognises the fundamental role of the rule of law in international peace and security, sustainable development, respect for human rights and accountability for international crimes. Appreciating the far-reaching importance of the rule of law should constantly motivate us all to do more and to do better.

Mr Chairman,

Slovenia is pleased that this year's report, too, attests to the instrumental contribution made by the United Nations to strengthening the rule of law at the national level. Much of this work accords with my country's priorities. To give an example, women's empowerment is a thematic priority of Slovenia's development cooperation. In this context, Slovenia is currently providing preventive workshops for 900 refugee women in Lebanon and is engaged in a project in Jordan

As stated earlier, the far-reaching significance of the rule of law should motivate us to do more and to do better. Despite the progress made in the impact of UN assistance, including through the Global Focal Point, there is still significant room for improvement. This is why we welcome the Secretary General's farsighted approach in identifying concrete challenges and the need for enhanced efforts to improve the effectiveness, coherence and sustainability of the United Nations' rule of law assistance.

Slovenia appreciates the Secretary General's call to Member States to engage in a frank and open dialogue on these critical issues. Ls s()11ETi

electronically, free of charge, and cover various topics, such as treaty law, the law of the sea and children's rights.

To conclude, the rule of law is the best guarantee for freedom, dignity and prosperity of all people. It is an essential prerequisite for successful cooperation between nations, peaceful settlement of disputes as well as stability, predictability and progress in international and bilateral relations. As such, it deserves our unwavering commitment. Slovenia stands ready to contribute to strengthening and promoting the rule of law at both the national and international level.

Thank you, Mr Chairman