



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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the Union for Foreign and Security Policy has put it, ‘multilateralism matters because it works.’

We need to continue to protect and promote the rule of law, democratic principles, good governance, and human rights to address the multiple global challenges of today. This will strengthen multilateralism and international cooperation.

It is indeed a new kind of multilateralism. A multilateralism that is built on the principle of solidarity between people, between nations, between current and future generations, between people and institutions. We believe it is a multilateralism that must be underpinned - both at home and at the international level - by the principle of rule *of* law, and not by principle of rule *by* law.

The pandemic has put our health, economies and societies under severe pressure. As we build back better and greener and more resilient societies, we must ensure that respect for the rule of law also forms part of our response. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the UN, the world leaders have agreed to abide by international law and ensure justice. They have committed to promote respect for democracy and human rights, and to enhance democratic governance and the rule of law by strengthening transparent and accountable governance and independent judicial institutions. For the EU, the fight against impunity and support for all international mechanisms seeking accountability, including for the International Criminal Court, is also of key importance. We must deliver on these commitments and welcome the UN Secretary-Gener

In that regard, for the next session we would suggest the subtopic

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In closing, I wish to reiterate the EU and its Member States' commitment to the protection and promotion of the rule of law. We stand ready to contribute further to the debate on this topic and to support all efforts to advance the rule of law at all levels.

I thank you, Mr./Madam Chair.
