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international law¹ so as to cope with global challenges and achieve Our Common Agenda.

6. In this regard, Thailand appreciates the UN's constant efforts to promote the rule of law through capacity-building, technical assistance and dissemination of legal knowledge. We reiterate our readiness to further support and collaborate closely with the Codification Division to this end through the co-hosting of UN Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific.

7. <u>Second</u>, we must bring the law closer to the people. Indeed, **inclusivity and sense of ownership** are key to the entire enterprise of law and its compliance. As the current pandemic created greater awareness of how multilateralism and international law are critical to our collective response and recovery, it is important that our people realise the relevance and significance of the rule of law in their daily lives. This will, in turn, help enhance compliance with the rule of law by the people, and create a mutually reinforcing relationship. In the end, a rules-based society will no longer be only an aspiration.

8. In line with this, Thailand welcomes the Secretary-General's suggestion to consider a **sub-topic on "Promoting a people-centred rule of law at the national and international levels as the foundation of our common agenda"** in order to ensure that the rule of law is responsive to the people's needs.