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Sixth Committee

“Administration of justice at the United Nations”

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Madam/Mr. Chair,

Thank you for giving me the floor. The Kingdom of the Netherlands aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union.

To start, let me thank the Secretary-General for his reports on the Activities of the Office of the UN Ombudsman and Mediation Services and on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations. Let me also thank the Internal Justice Council for their report.

Throughout 2021 we continued to be confronted with the coronavirus and its enormous impact. Working modalities still had a strong virtual emphasis, travel was difficult or not even possible and at some points returning to the office became a discussion and a concern to some.

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We thank all the judges and personnel at the Dispute Tribunal as well as Appeals Tribunal for their dedication and the work that has been done.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands will continue to engage on the functioning of the system of Administration of Justice at the UN.

[Report of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation services]

Second, the services offered by the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation services provide a safe, accessible and cost effective way for all staff members to discuss any kind of workplace-a997(

[Conclusion]

In conclusion, The Kingdom of the Netherlands emphasizes the importance of a strong, efficient and professionalized internal system of administration of justice at the UN, which can be accessed by both staff and non-staff.

We welcome that the Secretary-General's report A/77/213 on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities contains information on strengthening the administration of justice within the Organization. In the next report we would welcome information on the implementation by the Organization of decisions taken by its judicial institutions.

We continue to follow developments with great interest and look forward to further improvements being made.

Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair.