

STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 84
THE RULE OF LAW AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

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3. Without international law to constrain the conduct of states, no matter their level of economic, military and geopolitical power and influence, we will continue struggling to attain peaceful coexistence and cooperation.

4. We thank

7. The Constitution of Kenya acknowledges international legal norms, incorporated through our national laws which continue to guide engagement in international engagements including action on climate change, humanitarian intervention, international peace and security, counter-terrorism and violent extremism, among others. This should also guide us as the United Nations through the necessary, yet long-overdue review of the international financial architecture which grossly falls short of today's theme of "full, equal and equitable international legal system".
8. It is in this regard that Kenya has signed and is working towards the ratification of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction based on, among others, the principle of the common heritage of mankind, and therefore our collective responsibility over it and the equal rights to the benefits deriving therefrom.

Chair,

9. Kenya is convinced that capacity building, awareness creation and ease of access are important for the promotion of the rule of law and for strengthening national capacities of Member States, including through enhanced technical assistance.
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students and especially the youth. We should therefore move towards the full utilization of these mediums. This is exemplified through the establishment of the regional anti-corruption hub in Nairobi with the assistance of the UN, which is key in anti-corruption efforts and promotion of good governance.

11. We also commend the Secretariat for their efforts under the United Nations Programme of Assistance. The Audiovisual Library for instance, provides an educational tool for the legal profession and academia particularly in developing countries that contributes meaningfully to the heart of our discussion today. This will also bring us closer to the realization of SDG 16 on the Promotion of the rule of law at the national and international levels to ensure equal access to justice for all.

12. In tailoring technical assistance programmes, we call on the United Nations to partner with developing countries to enhance the uptake of the programme's content by working together on the priorities of Member States. This would help achieve national ownership of rule of law processes and promote sustainability. This should take cognisance of the technological inadequacies in developing countries and seek avenues of targeted cooperation. We also urge that Special attention should be accorded to countries in, or emerging from, conflict situations.

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13. As a strong defender of a balanced approach towards both levels of the rule of law, national and international, Kenya is tsKenya is tsKenya is tT /F(t)-17(i)-5(o)15c ts

by our domestic systems and according to our national legislative framework.

14. We urge States, tribunals, whether local, regional or international, to contribute to the Rule of Law by ensuring that the rules of various international law instruments adopted by States are interpreted and implemented in a just, fair and predictable manner that is not counterproductive or antagonistic to the very ideals contained in these instruments.
15. Finally, Chair, my delegation assures you of Kenya's continued commitment to respect for the rule of law.

Thank you.