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**Statement by**  
**The Delegation of Indonesia**  
**at the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly**  
**on**  
**Agenda item 85:**  
**“The rule of law at the national and international levels”**  
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**Mdm/Mr. Chair,**

At the outset, Indonesia would like to align itself with the statements made by Cambodia on behalf of the ASEAN, and by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

The rule of law at the national and international levels has always been a fundamental agenda item of the Sixth Committee.

Nevertheless, Indonesia wishes to underline that there is no agreed definition of the rule of law thus far. In our perspective, elements of the rule of law are at least threefold, namely: supremacy of law, equality before the law, and due process of law.

In this regard, we in Indonesia are also guided by Pancasila or five principles: belief in one God, humanity, national unity, deliberative democracy, and social justice, in implementing those three elements.

**Mdm/Mr. Chair,**

Regarding the convening of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Corruption this year (UNGASS 2021), my delegation is pleased to welcome the adoption of the Political Declaration, as it will galvanize our collective political commitment and guide anti-corruption efforts.

My delegation further would like to offer three specific points on this agenda item.

**First**, Indonesia takes note with appreciation the continued efforts of the UN in further promoting the rule of law through various cooperation efforts and programs as summarized in the report of the Secretary General contained in document A/76/235.

Those cooperation efforts and programs include the advancement of support, inter alia, (i) towards development of prevention and response strategies for children associated with terrorists, and (ii) for the rehabilitation of women formerly associated with terrorists. Both of these have been carried out in Indonesia.

**Second**, with respect to the sub-topic of “Promoting a people-centred rule of law at the national and international levels as the foundation of our common agenda”, my delegation wishes to emphasize that, the participation of people towards the law-making process in Indonesia has safeguarded through Indonesia’s Law No. 12 of 2011 on the establishment of law/legislations as amended by Law No. 15 of 2019. In this regard, people’s involvement is carried out through verbal and/or written inputs as well as various mechanisms such as public hearings, conferences and workshops.

In the practical context, with reference to the available study, most participations -in the form of commentaries, response or feedback, are derived from scholars, the academia and writers/journalists.

Having these legal mechanisms and practices, Indonesia stands ready to work with all stakeholders in advancing the commitments of Our Common Agenda including through the legal approach.

**Third**, I am pleased to outline the Indonesia’s national legal policy in combating COVID-19 as my delegation believes it utmost important and timely.

In this regard, among relevant national legislations that already in place are relating to contagious diseases, disaster management, health quarantine, the declaration of COVID-19 as national disaster, and National Task Force to Combat COVID-19.

Indonesia spares no effort in implementing those legislations which encompass among others the requirements for establishing perimeter areas of contagion, as well as management procedures to address COVID-19 pandemic.

Although the impact of the pandemic remains significant, rest assured of Indonesia’s full commitment to promote the full participation of its people, as well as cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, to combat COVID-19.

I thank you, **Mdm/Mr. Chair**.

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