



Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Mr. Chair,

My delegation wishes to begin by congratulating you and members of the bureau on your election to the Sixth Committee and assure you our full support and cooperation.

My delegation aligns itself with the Statements made by Iran and Cambodia on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement and ASEAN respectively.

My delegation reiterates that respect for the Rule of Law is of great importance in international relations to ensure the universal respect for the principle of justice in accordance with the UN Charter. In addition, all related international laws form fundamental basis for the maintenance and promotion of global peace and security, peaceful settlement of disputes, supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

At national level, the Lao PDR has firmly upheld its commitment to build a rule of law state and promote good governance. Towards this end, the country has focused on key priorities such as improving justice sector and national legislation process, promoting good governance and public administration, strengthening anti-corruption mechanism, raising awareness on the international conventions the Lao PDR is a party to, as well as, strengthening capacity for the government officials, law enforcement officers and local authorities.

In this regard, significant achievements have been made especially on developing and amending legal instruments. In recent years, the National Assembly has adopted more than 20 domestic legislations, among which 16 are amended laws and 4 are newly adopted laws.

On strengthening of judiciary sector, law related to the work of the courts and prosecutor's offices have also been amended and the capacity of judges and prosecutors has been regularly upgraded.

As contained in its master plan, the Lao government has continued to make every effort to advance legal sector and public administration reform. To date, the Lao PDR is party to over 100 multilateral treaties deposited with the UN Secretary General and nearly 200 regional treaties including under the ASEAN framework, and more than 300 treaties have been signed bilaterally. In fulfilling its international obligations, the Lao PDR has translated international treaties into national laws and regulations with more than 150 national laws have already been adopted by the National Assembly.

Mr. Chair,

To conclude, the Lao PDR is firmly committed to continue working closely with international community, UN member states, international organizations, all partners to promote the Rule of law. Thank You.