

Thank you, Mr. Chair. It is a pleasure seeing you chairing this meeting.

Dear Delegates,

When, in 2021, the EPLO launched the Global Rule of Law Initiative in the frame of its capacity as permanent observer to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the promise was to promote a concept of the Rule of Law which would be Global in the sense of integrating characteristics shared by all cultures of the world, a concept which would become a useful tool in the hands of all Nations. A year ago, during the 77th GA, on the occasion of the discussion of the item “Rule of Law” in our 6th Committee, the EPLO announced the creation of the EPLO Global Rule of Law Commission, composed of personalities from all over the world following the best UN practices for geographical repartition. With Headquarters in Cascais, Portugal, the EPLO Global Rule of Law Commission is composed of the following personalities, under the presidency of Professor **Giuliano Amato**, President Emeritus of the Italian Constitutional Court and former Prime Minister of the Italian Republic:

Allan Brewer-Carias, Emeritus Professor, Central University of Venezuela;

Josip Brkić, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Miranda Laura Chinchilla, Former President of Costa Rica,

Lúcia da Luz Ribeiro, President of the Constitutional Court, Republic of Mozambique,

Marco d'Alberti, Professor, Judge, the Constitutional Court, Italian Republic,

Luis María Díez-Picazo, Professor, Judge at the Supreme Court, Kingdom of Spain,

Carlos Feijó, Professor, Universidade Agostinho Neto, Republic of Angola,

David Feldman, Emeritus Professor, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom,

Spyridon Flogaitis, Professor, University of Athens, Republic of Greece,

Jorge Carlos Fonseca, Former President of the Republic of Cabo Verde, Republic of Cabo Verde,

Ana Maria Guerra Martins, Professor, Judge, European Court of Human Rights,

Pan-Suk Kim, Professor, College of Government and Business, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea,

Andreas Mavroyiannis, Ambassador, Republic of Cyprus,

Gilmar Mendes, Minister, Supremo Tribunal Federal, Federative Republic of Brazil,

Raychelle Omamo, Ambassador SC, EGH, Former Cabinet Secretary for Foreign, Affairs, Republic of Kenya,

Marisol Peña Torres, Former President of the Constitutional Court of Chile, Republic of Chile,

Wojciech Sadurski, Professor, University of Sydney, Centre for Europe at Warsaw University, Republic of Poland,

Mikheil Sarjveladze, Chairman of the Human Rights and Civil Integration Committee, Parliament of Georgia, Republic of Georgia,

Vishnu Varunyou, Vice President, Supreme Administrative Court, Kingdom of Thailand.

The Commission has the objective to develop a comprehensive Global concept of the Rule of Law with respect to Universal Values and diversity in a dialog of civilizations, and is available to all the nations of the world to give them, if asked, advice and expertise on issues of Rule of Law.

The Global Rule of Law Commission is open to receive information from any party regarding the state of the Rule of Law around the world.

The Commission members shall not have political considerations in pursuing the execution of their duties and shall not have sanction powers of any kind.

The Global Rule of Law Commission shall do everything to serve the United Nations' initiatives for a better world. To this end, an Annual Report shall be presented yearly to the General Assembly.

The EPLO appeals to all the Nations of the world to liaise with the Global Rule of Law Commission in the best interest of their national concerns. In this direction, the EPLO shall be open to all Nations for discussing their needs and the best way to serve them.

Thank you.

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