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**Statement by Nepal at the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly under Agenda Item No. 84: The Rule of Law at National and International Levels and its subtopic “*The full, equal and equitable participation at all levels in the international legal system*”**

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**Thank you, Mr. Chair,**

We align our statement with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement.

We welcome the Secretary-General’s comprehensive report under this agenda item. We are pleased to note that the implementation of ‘New Vision of the Secretary-General for the Rule of Law’ commenced.

We appreciate the United Nations for its continued efforts to bolster the international rule of law in cooperation and collaboration with member States through various programs, initiatives and capacity-building activities.

**Mr. Chair,**

Nepal reaffirms its enduring commitment to the core principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter, and to fostering a just, equitable, and rules-based international order.

Promoting multilateralism with the UN at its center is a cornerstone of our foreign policy.

Recognizing the significance of the rule of law in maintaining stability, promoting development, and protecting human rights, we have continued to strengthen the rule of law through a combination of legal, institutional, administrative, and other measures.

The Constitution of Nepal is firmly anchored in the foundation of democratic norms and values including the rule of law.

We have established a clear and consistent legal framework, ensured judicial independence, and guaranteed access to justice for all.

We always guarantee non-discrimination in the application of law where laws apply equally to all individuals, regardless of race, gender, religion, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation.

We have continued to enhance law enforcement and security sector reform.

Independent ombudsman has been effectively functioning and making a huge impact on corruption control.

**Mr. Chair,**

The United Nations is uniquely positioned to foster full, equal, and equitable participation in the international legal system by promoting inclusive representation, building legal capacities, ensuring fair access to justice, and creating frameworks that respect the sovereignty and needs of all nations.

By utilizing its global reach, diverse institutions, and legal frameworks, the UN can ensure that all states and peoples, regardless of power or wealth, have a fair and meaningful role in shaping and benefiting from international law.

We place high importance on international treaties and their adherence because they are essential to preserving cordial relations between states and defending the rule of law globally.

It remains crucial for the UN to intensify its support to member states in fulfilling their international obligations and bolstering institutions that uphold the rule of law and protect human rights.

A just international system can be envisioned only when all states can participate in a just world.

We must ensure that every state, regardless of size or power, has an equal voice in international treaties and agreements.

We must ensure that the processes and decisions within the international legal system are transparent and accountable.

We should also consider the particular difficulties faced by the Least Developed Countries and those disproportionately impacted by global crises like conflict, economic inequality, and climate change in order to guarantee that international law represents viewpoints of the international community.

Capacity building and technical assistance to these countries are critical to ensure and encourage inclusive, equitable, and effective participation.

Therefore, cooperation and collaboration of all remains the key towards ensuring equitable participation in the international legal system.

**Mr. Chair,**

It is essential to uphold the rule of law at the global level by ensuring the inclusive, just, and equitable participation of all member states in international governance institutions and the legal system.

We believe that a fair and just international system can only be achieved when every nation, regardless of its size or economic strength, has an equal voice and access to the whole cycle of the international legal system.

Meaningful participation is essential for fostering greater trust, cooperation, and shared responsibility in addressing the pressing challenges that we face today.

In conclusion, **Mr. Chair**, let us continue to strive for an international legal system that leaves no nation behind, where every voice is heard, and where the principles of equality, inclusion, and justice pave our path forward.

**I thank you.**