



**Statement by Mr. Sackpaseuth Sisouk,
Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
to the United Nations at the Sixth Committee of the 75th Session
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“Rule of Law at the National and International Levels”**

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Mr. Chairperson,

I wish to begin by extending our sincere congratulations to you, Mr. Chairperson, and the other Bureau members of the Sixth Committee on your election. My delegation expresses its appreciation for the report of the Secretary-General for this agenda item.

My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cambodia on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement and ASEAN, respectively.

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation is of the view that it is crucial for the international community to ensure universal adherence to and implementation of the rule of law at both the national and international levels. It is also our belief that during this challenging time, the rule of law from the international dimension should be given greater attention to, so as to maintain an international order and peaceful environment for peaceful coexistence and cooperation among Member States, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law. Therefore, the international community should further strengthen the rule of law to support the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, peaceful settlement of disputes and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

Mr. Chairperson,

With regards to the sub-topic of discussion on “Measures to prevent and combat corruption,” my delegation shares the view that corruption is a complex problem, which undermines socio-economic development while posing negative impact on the effective functioning of various institutions. The Lao PDR ratified the UN Convention against Corruption in September 2009 and has been implementing the Anti-Corruption Strategy Towards 2020, which was adopted in 2012, to counter corruption, bureaucracy and extravagance.

Mr. Chairperson,

While we have made considerable progress in the implementation of the Legal