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~~MEMORANDUM TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEBATE ON THE RULE OF LAW~~

New York, 4 October 2017

Your Excellency, Mr Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore and Chair of the Sixth Committee,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to be with you for the first time as Chair of the United Nations Rule of Law Resource and

I look forward to working with you.

I thank Singapore, Mexico and Liechtenstein for their inclusive leadership in facilitating the annual resolution on the rule of law.

During the reporting period, the United Nations has been providing significant rule of law assistance on every continent.

We have seen progress in Afghanistan, the State of Palestine and Somalia in their efforts to strengthen capable and accountable justice and security institutions.

The United Nations has supported the establishment of community-oriented policing programmes in Pakistan, El Salvador and Sierra Leone.

In Jordan and Lebanon, where the influx of refugees has created tensions with host communities, the United Nations is supporting national authorities to increase law enforcement capacities.

The United Nations is also working to ensure access to justice for sectors of populations that are disempowered and marginalized.

In particular we have efforts around the globe to prevent and address sexual and gender based violence



But, we are all committed to the collective pursuit of peace, prosperity and justice as defined in the Charter, the International Declaration on Human Rights and the 2030 Agenda.

The Secretary-General's reform agenda is designed to enable us to deliver

We need your support.

So, please, I invite you to guide us and help us to work differently and to do better.

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