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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to address the Sixth Committee today on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

ASEAN would like to thank the Secretary General for his report, "Strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities," (A/60/59, 5/284). The report notes UN action in strengthening and coordinating rule of law activities at national and international levels, while touching on the support the UN provides to its Member States in promotion of rule of law activities globally. Nevertheless, we hope that future reports will be presented in all respects in an objective, neutral and non-partisan manner.

Since the founding of ASEAN in 1967, we have embraced promotion of the rule of law in all its aspects, and we continue to do so to the day. The ASEAN Charter enshrines the fundamental principles and purposes of the rule of law, asserti

Mr. Chairman,

ASEAN takes its anti-corruption efforts seriously. Corruption is complex problem, which undermines social and economic development, negatively impacts the effectiveness of democratic institutions, and hampers progress for future generations. Corruption affects each and every country

Sustainable Development, particularly its goal 16 on peace, justice, and strong institutions.

I wish good governance, accessible institutions, and transparency and accountability. We strongly believe that this approach will further promote respect for the rule of law at the national and international levels, which will contribute to greater socio-economic development, peace, justice, and prosperity for all.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.