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Thank you, MrChair

Timor-Leste wishes to congratulate you, MChair, and the bureau members for your election to lead theSixth Cmmmittee, andl assureyou of Timor > • š [• (μ o o • μ %o %o } OE š X

Timor-Leste associates with the statemsmade on behalf of the NorAligned Movementand the Coordinator of the Group of Friends of the Rule of Law.

Mr. Chair,

Timor-Leste appreciates the report of the SecretGneral on strengthening and coordinating the United Nations rule of law activities. We emphasized the crucial importance ofante cooperation to advance the rule of law both national and internationallevels

The COVID9 pandemic has caused significant harm to humanity. Climate crises, as well as the current consequences of war

The Covid 19 pandemic confirms that our efforts to build trust and social cohesion have paid off, and that investment in peace, justice and inclusion is key for recovery from the crises. This is an ongoing effort and we must keep strengthening inclusive institutions to deliver justice at both national and international levels.

Mr. Chair,

Timor-Leste's Constitution explicitly proclaims the country's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights with the principles of equality and inclusion underpinning our young democratic nation. Women and men enjoy equal rights and obligations in all aspects of family, political, economic, social, and cultural life, and the death penalty is prohibited by law. While Timor-Leste has made significant progress in ensuring women's equal access and opportunity to participate in decision-making processes, more needs to be done to mobilize the will, ways, and means to accelerate the full enjoyment of human rights to ensure justice to everyone. We will continue to work towards the full realization of our rights to land ownership.

Mr. Chair,

We have our moral obligations to uphold the United Nations Charter, International Law and International Rules-based Order, respecting territorial integrity, sovereignty, political independence, and non-interference in the internal affairs of other states. Our deliberations should not be contrary to the values of protecting and defending human rights and the legitimate interests of member states at the national, regional, and global level.

As a small island nation, Timor-Leste has devoted its trust in the United Nations and in multilateralism. Our history has proven the effectiveness of application of the international law to settle dispute through dialogue and reconciliation. We have set a precedence for a peaceful

settlement of disputes with the application of the UNCLOS compulsory conciliation mechanism to settle our maritime boundary. This important effort represents our commitment in contributing towards the promotion of peace, cooperation and the rule of law in the region. If all member states adhere to this fundamental principle, we create a vast space for international peace and security, which in turn fosters international collaboration and prosperity.

Mr. Chair

To conclude,