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Mr Chair,

I would like to start by thanking the Rule of Law Unit and the Assistant Secretary General for introducing this segment on the rule of law activities at the national and international levels.

We align with the statement from the Group of Friends of the Rule of Law and share in welcoming the New Vision of the Secretary General for the Rule of Law.

The United Kingdom is committed to the promotion and protection of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. We believe that these are the pillars of a just and sustainable society.

during remote hearings, including those conducted from prisons or detention facilities.

As the world continues to move forward from the pandemic, technology can help us ensure access to justice for vulnerable

led body to create a new procedural code for digital justice. This body also oversees and encourages the adoption of digital procedures in courts, tribunals and wider dispute resolution.

In addition, our Ministry of Justice has been taking forward a programme on digitalisation of the court service through which we exchange expertise on court reform and e-court projects with partner countries.

Mr Chair,

While the United Kingdom continues to embrace technology advancement and the opportunities this brings to both governments and citizens in ensuring access to justice for all, we must also guard against those wishing to use the developments in technology to cause harm or undermine the rule of law.

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legislation. Once in place, this Bill, will ensure that the evolving cyberspagitalegislation. Once iC(tru)13()-165(of)-18(J)10W*nBTF2 150 Tfu

be considered crimes offline. The United Kingdom will also seek to ensure better protection for children and violence against women and girls through this Bill.

Thank you, Mr Chair.