

Statement on behalf of  
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We would like to thank the Secretary-General for his yearly report on "*Strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities*". The focus on the rule of law as the foundation of a revitalised social contract is highly relevant, particularly now.

We thank the Secretary-General for bringing to attention the politicization of justice institutions, attacks on national human rights institutions and erosion of hard-won progress in relation to rule of law, especially for women and girls. We also thank the Secretary-General for raising the need to place the rule of law at the centre of a renewed social contract, placing people-centred systems and institutions at the heart of global efforts.

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Lastly, we are particularly pleased that the Secretary-General's report provides for useful and specific examples of what the United Nations has done to support Member States in