

"There is a direct relationship between peace and justice; the one cannot survive without the other; the two meet together and combine in the concept of the rule of law amongst nations. This relationship is recognized in Article 1 of the Charter, which proclaims as one of the primary purposes of the U.N. "to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace".

"It may be appropriate to recall also, when meeting, as you will be, in one of the birthplaces of democracy, that just as the rule of law within a nation is a safeguard of the personal freedom, fundamental human rights and dignity of the individual, so too, the rule of law internationally is the best guarantee of the sovereign equality of states."

Thank you Mr. Chairman.