

Thank you, Madama Chair.

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the following delegations: El Salvador, Belize, Iraq,

Turkey and Colombia.

We would like to thank you for conducting our work in a very diligent manner and for providing us with the aid to negotiations that already establishes a text-based discussion. We believe that having a zero draft would lead to further progress in the upcoming sessions of the Intergovernmental Conference.

As States Non-Parties to the 1992 Convention on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, we have