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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

My delegation recalls that this topic 'Reservations to treaties' was included in the ILC's programme of work in 1993 and was completed two years ago, in 2011. My delegation expresses its sincere appreciation to the ILC and to Mr. Alain Pellet Special Rapporteur of this topic. "Reservations to treaties," is one of the most important parts of the law of treaties: reservation is a tool to keep a "balance between the objectives of safeguarding the integrity of multilateral treaties and securing the widest possible participation therein" (Guide to

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Treaties' was adopted and a lot of State's practice concerning reservations to treaties has accumulated.; secondly, the provisions on reservations of the Vienna Convention have remained unclear so that States have faced practical difficulties due to this uncertainty. Consequently the ILC's work elucidates the meaning of relevant provisions on reservations and also provides good guidance for the practitioners. I would like to make some comments on the final text of the Guide to Practice on Reservations to Treaties and Recommendation on mechanisms of assistance in relation to reservations to treaties which were adopted at the 63th session of the ILC in 2011.