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**STATEMENT BY MRS RENA LEE,
DELEGATE TO THE 68th SESSION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON AGENDA ITEM 81,
ON PART 1 OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW
COMMISSION ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTY-THIRD AND SIXTY-FIFTH
SESSIONS (CHAPTERS I-V & XII OF A/68/10),
SIXTH COMMITTEE,
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1. Mr Chairman, Singapore would like to express its appreciation to the Commission for the comprehensive report on the work undertaken in its sixty-fifth session.
2. My delegation

Commission on the topic

. We commend the work of both the previous Special Rapporteur, Mr Roman A. Kolodkin, as well as the current Special Rapporteur, Ms Conception Escobar Hernandez, in advancing our understanding of this topic. We are pleased that the Commission has commenced the task of drafting articles on this topic as well as their accompanying commentaries.

4. Singapore will study closely the draft articles produced thus far. However, my delegation would like to make three initial observations. First, on Article 1 on the Scope of the present draft articles, my delegation agrees that immunity from foreign criminal jurisdiction is procedural in nature and serves only as a procedural bar to criminal proceedings. The underlying substantive criminal responsibility remains. As such, immunity from foreign criminal jurisdiction should not be viewed as a loophole in the fight against impunity. Therefore, the immunity of

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