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Statement by the Micronesia Delegation

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Mr. Chairman,

This statement deals only with the topic of the provisional application of treaties, as contained in Chapter XII of Document A/69/10. Micronesia is grateful to Special Rapporteur Mr. Manuel Gomez-Robledo for leading the work of the Commission and producing two reports to date on this important topic.

Mr. Chairman,

The act of entering into a treaty is a momentous affair in international law. When two or more States agree to bind themselves to the terms of a treaty, they place their national interests, their aspirations, and potentially their sovereignties at the mercy of their treaty partners. Whether it is for peace, defense, trade, economic union, or some other weighty matter, a treaty injects a measure of stability and predictability into international relations and provides a fertile source for rules and principles of international law. Given the far-reaching ramifications of validly concluded treaties, it is very important that Parties to a treaty know when the treaty actually applies and binds them, particularly if that occurs before the treaty enters into force. The Commission's examination of the provisional application of treaties is thus a critical one.

Indeed, Micronesia attaches such great importance to the Commission's work that it submitted Comments to the Commission earlier this year discussing Micronesia's views on the provisional application of treaties, marking the first time that Micronesia has ever submitted Comments to the Commission.

application at that time, the usefulness of the mechanism cannot be questioned, particularly with regard to jumpstarting treaty implementation and ensuring the continuity of functions in successive treaty regimes; and neither can the widespread use of the mechanism by States before and after article 25 was enshrined in the Convention.

Micronesia welcomes the decision by Mr. Gomez-Robledo to focus his current work on the legal effects of the provisional application of treaties. This practical approach will enh