STATEMENT BY MRS. NATALIE Y. MORRIS-SHARMA, COUNSELLOR, PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE TO THE UNI TED NATIONS, ON AGENDA I TEM 78, ON PART 1 OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION (CHAPTERS I-III, IV, V & XIV OF A/69/10), SIXTH COMMITTEE, 2 OCTOBER 2014

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1. Mr. Chairman, Singapore thanks the Commission for its comprehensive report on the work of its sixtysixth session. My delegation strongly supports the work of the Commission. The Commission plays a significant role in the progressive development and codification of international law, and promotes the rule of law in the course of its work. We also appreciate the efforts to Commission to engage Member States, especially by inviting comments on specific issues of particular interest to the Commission.

- 11. As for the protection of relief personnel and their equipment and goods, our delegation is supportive of the inclusion of a dedicated article, as is the case with draft article 18. The protection of relief personnel and their equipment and goods is an important issue. As evident from the survey of sources undertaken by the Special Rapporteur, it is provided for in many universal and regional treaties, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response of 2005.
- 12. Mr. Chairman, my delegation looks forward to hearing the comments and observations of others, on this and other topics before the Commission, including the new topics which have been included in the Commission's programme of work.

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