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by

Lebanon

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I wish to thank the Chairman of the International Law Commission (ILC) for introducing his report, as well as the other members of the Commission for their work.

Lebanon considers that the interaction between the ILC and the sixth committee needs to be continuously enhanced, and in this regard, my delegation notes with interest the proposals made to e

measures.

On Draft Principle 17 concerning the *Remnants of war at sea*, my delegation would have favored the original proposal from the Special Rapporteur that include *public health or the safety of seafarers*.

Indeed, since this draft principle covers a specific situation, namely the remnants of war at sea, it would have been more appropriate to keep those relevant references.

More generally, Lebanon would have seen merits in including the human dimension of the environmental impact of armed conflicts. I believe it falls within the scope of the topic since environmental degradations have a direct impact on the population.

Therefore, and that brings me to the end of my statement, the human consequences of environmental degradations resulting from armed conflicts, could be part of some of the future paths to be explored in the discussion of that topic by the ILC. It may also include the issue of liability and responsibility, and provide further clarification regarding the principles of proportionality as well as precaution applied to the environmental context.