

Mr. Chairman,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, my delegation wishes to thank Mr. Pedro Comissário Afonso, Chairman of the International Law Commission, for his comprehensive report on the work of the 68th session of the Commission. We would like to congratulate the Commission for a successful and fruitful session. We recognize the important role of the Commission in promoting the progressive development of international law and its codification and very much appreciate the valuable contribution and dedication of all members of the Commission in this regard.

With respect to the first cluster of the Report, we wish to commend the three Special Rapporteurs for their hard work. My delegation welcomes the completion of the topic “the Protection of persons in the event of disasters”. The Kingdom of Thailand attaches great importance to international cooperation on disaster risk reduction and response. We view those draft articles that consolidate existing rules of international law as a useful guide for such international cooperation. For those draft articles that reflect proposals for progressive development of the relevant international law, we will carefully consider them.

At present, Thailand is working with other countries in the Southeast Asian region to

and subsequent practice in relation to treaty interpretation. We note that the name of this topic has been changed from “Treaties over time”; and that this is the first time all the draft conclusions have been presented together to give the whole picture of the topic.

It is our view that subsequent agreements and subsequent practice, within the meaning of Article 31 of the Convention, are indeed to be considered for the purpose of treaty interpretation only. Subsequent agreements with a view to or with the effect of amending treaty are subject to Article 39 of the Convention, while the possibility of modific