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FINAL STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION,
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Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The Sixth Committee has just concluded its consideration, under Agenda Item 82, of the Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its historic 70th. session, to which it devoted nine full meetings and two half meetings from 22 October until Today.

As stated in paragraph 400 of the Report, t

on Agenda Item 82, of sixteen other ILC members, including seven

The notable fact of the participation of Legal Advisers from Capitals, has led to the characterization as "International Law Week" of the week initially and exclusively allocated to the item of the Agenda concerning the Commission's Report. That original one week has now grown to cover almost two calendar weeks. This state of affairs is evidently the result of the number of diverse other activities, also highly relevant to the Commission's work, undertaken in conjunction with the Sixth Committee's debate on the ILC Report.

But the lengthening of "International Law Week" undoubtedly reflects as well the considerable increase in the number of delegations delivering substantive statements on all or some of the three Clusters along which the debate is organized, averaging between 50 and 60 speakers per Cluster.

This is a most welcome development as it constitutes the positive and constructive response by the Sixth Committee to the call, repeatedly made by the Commission, for a far greater and varied representation of the different regional groups and legal systems in the debate.

various observations, suggestions or criticisms expressed by delegations.

While not an official record, a rather succinct overview of the discussion is helpfully prepared daily by the Department of Public Information and published in the corresponding Meetings coverage Press release. A fuller topical Summary is drafted in due course by the Commission's Secretariat, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, and brought to the Commission's attention as a document of its immediately ensuing session.

The Commission will certainly and greatly profit from all the statements, not only as orally made and recorded in the respective Summary Records, but from their integral verbatim text as contained in the copies distributed by delegations in this Trusteeship Council, and specially as placed in the United Nations PaperSmart Portal. Members of the Commission and, in particular, Special Rapporteurs can, thus, have immediate access to the verbatim

