



Samoa's Statement on the Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its 70th Session under Cluster I of Agenda item 82

As this is the first time for Samoa to take the floor, let me congratulate you and the Bureau of the Sixth Committee on your abled stewardship of the committee's work.

Samoa aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Marshall Islands on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum members and in this regard, commends

the progressive development of international law and its codification.

Samoa welcomes the inclusion of the topic sea level rise in the ILC's work

Samoa acknowledges the validity of the legal questions raised by ILC and wishes to place on record its firm support of said legal implications on the effect of sea level rise on our baselines and maritime delimitations, on Statehood issues and issues relating to the protection of persons affected by

the adverse impact of sea-level rise.

In conclusion, Samoa joins our fellow Pacific Island members in requesting the Commission to move the topic of sea level rise to ILC's current

programme of work in direct response not only to the urgency of this matter but the progressive development of its nature.

I thank you.