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Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Before the Sixth Committee of the 73rd Session of the UNGA Agenda Item 82: Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its Seventieth Session (Cluster I)

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Mr. Chairman,

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	Let me commence by expressing our warmest congratulations to the Chairman of the ILC, Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina, for his able stewardship of the International Law Commission at its 70 th Anniversary Session. The report reflects the fact that the Session
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could also lead to the creation of Customary International Law, as has been pertinently observed in the Commentaries to the draft articles.

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The Special Rapporteur states: "The requirement signifies, first, that the objection should be reiterated when the circumstances are such that a restatement is called for (that is, in circumstances where silence or inaction may reasonably lead to the conclusion that the State has given up its objection). It is clear however that States cannot