

Statement

by

Mrs. Piranaj Thongnopnua Yvard

First Secretary

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand

before the Sixth Committee

of the 73rd

Mr. Chair,

First of all, Thailand wishes to thank the Special Rapporteur Madame Concepción Escobar Hernández for her sixth report on the highly complex issue regarding immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction.

Mr. Chair,

Indeed, the issue of limitations and exceptions to immunity is a highly sensitive issue, hence the need for a fine balance of all possible aspects/elements concerning both the forum State and the State of the foreign official. These would include the stability of friendly international relations, principle of sovereign equality of States, guarantees of due process,

recognised under international law to prevent politicisation or abuse of criminal jurisdiction on foreign officials. Further discussion and deliberation on this important issue would certainly help ensure a fair and effective operation of draft article 7.

topic and requests that the views expressed by States in the Sixth Committee be taken into consideration.

We reserve the right to make further comments on