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## **Diplomatic protection**

### **Oral report of the Chair of the Working Group**

Mr./Mdm. Chair,

I have the honour to present the report of the Working Group on Diplomatic Protection for this session.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 74/412 of 12 December

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the International Atomic Energy Agency. It was an honour for me to be

elected by the Sixth Committee as the Chair of the Working Group.

The Working Group held two meetings on 16 and 23 October 2019. The Working Group had before it the report of the Secretary-General containing the written comments received from Governments from 2017 to 2019 (A/74/143), in addition to the previous reports of the Secretary-General for the sixty-second, sixty-fifth, sixty-eighth and seventy-first

~~sessions (A/62/140 and A/64/141, A/65/139 and A/67/141, A/68/145 and A/71/141)~~

During the discussions of the Working Group, several delegations reiterated their views expressed during the plenary debate, highlighting substantive concerns with certain provisions of the articles on diplomatic protection, while other delegations spoke in favour of the eventual adoption of the articles as a convention. The continued solicitation of views from Governments on the articles on diplomatic protection was welcomed as a useful exercise. At the same time, it was observed that more time was needed for State practice to develop before any action could be taken on the articles. Moreover, attention was drawn to the ongoing consideration of the fate of the articles on State responsibility

A number of suggestions were made for the Sixth Committee to

examine its work on the articles on diplomatic protection more effectively in

session.

In the light of the discussions in the Working Group, proposals for a