

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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On 20 October 2011, the Philippines considers the revised draft model clauses complementary to the Guide to Provisional Application of Treaties, clarifying issues and providing guidance to states that wish to resort to provisional application of treaty under Article 25 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. We do not view the model clauses as promoting or encouraging resort to provisional application, but rather as a tool to assist states should they decide, and if conditions permit them, to resort to provisional application of a treaty. We will submit further comments on this in advance of the commencement of the second reading of the draft Guide to Provisional Application of Treaties at the seventy-second session of the Commission.

Under the current programme of work, we are inclined to support the topic "prevention and repression of piracy and armed robbery at sea", with the consideration that the direction taken must be in line and consistent with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and should take into account regional arrangements and practices.

The Commission will continue to work on this topic. We will continue to work on this topic. We will continue to work on this topic.

Finally, we express our continuing support for the International Law Seminar, from which many of our diplomats - such as myself - lawyers and members of the academe have benefitted. We suggest however, that more widespread and extensive outreach be conducted for the Conference of the International Law Seminar Alumni Network to ensure awareness by alumni and wider participation.

Thank you.