

Statement of Portugal

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Diplomatic protection

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But we think this should not preclude us from admitting that the diplomatic protection conducted by a State remains an important remedy. Diplomatic protection has an important function as a subsidiary, last resort mechanism for a State to protect the human rights of its nationals. As mentioned by the ILC in its commentaries to the draft Articles, "Diplomatic protection conducted by a State at the State level remains an important remedy for the protection of persons whose human rights have been violated abroad"¹.

Additionally, diplomatic protection is one of the pillars of the principle of sovereign equality of States.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to thank the Secretary-General for the report on diplomatic protection containing comments and information received from Governments.

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