

States is required. That said, my delegation continues to take the view that referring to the international community “as a whole” has quantitative as well as qualitative elements, and that the term, “virtually all States” is required to convey the requisite quantitative meaning.

(b) Second, my delegation notes the Commission’s proposed amendments to draft conclusion 21 and its commentary, particularly that paragraph 3 of draft conclusion 21 now envisages the possibility of recourse to the International Court of Justice or to some other

Group on methods of work of the Commission and looks forward to updates on the Commission’s deliberations, and to close collaboration between the Commission and the Sixth Committee on this important issue.

9 Finally, my delegation supports the inclusion of the topic “Non-legally binding international agreements” to the long-term programme of work. My delegation has read the syllabus with interest and notes that the prevalent use of non-legally binding memorandums of understanding or agreements by States illustrates the practical significance of this topic. If this topic is moved to the Commission’s programme of work, we hope that the Commission will take into account the rich practice of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on this issue.

10 Thank you for your attention.

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