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Mister / Madam Chair,

1. **Settlement of disputes to which international organizations are** ~~6(1) (b) (i) (TET) 000000 23 re WBT~~

continues to work multilaterally and bilaterally to support regional countries in the fight against cross-border maritime crime and piracy, including in the Gulf of Guinea, with a focus on legal frameworks to facilitate prosecutions, development of Maritime Domain Awareness, and capability building for navies and coastguards.

5. This is therefore a subject of considerable importance and interest to the United Kingdom, and we thank the Special Rapporteur, Mr Yacouba Cissé, and commend the Commission for its work.

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including the exclusive economic zone, as set out in Article 58, paragraph 2 of UNCLOS. We respectfully suggest, however, that the definition might reflect this important point more explicitly.

14. Finally, with respect to the definition of piracy, the United Kingdom welcomes and endorses the important points the Commission makes about the breadth of incitement and facilitation

conduct on land, and to a wide range of conduct, including that which is associated with the financing of piracy.

15. Turning to armed robbery at sea, we appreciate the utility in defining this important concept. However, we also note the very different role this definition plays in comparison with that of piracy. The categorisation of an act as armed robbery at sea neither enlarges nor limits the jurisdiction of the coastal State within whose waters the act occurs. Such jurisdiction extends to a much wider category of conduct than that caught by the definition, including similar conduct perpetrated by aircraft, notwithstanding their omission. We respectfully suggest that this point might be brought out in commentary.

16. The United Kingdom reiterates its appreciation for the Commission

Thank you, Mister /Madam Chair.