

Sixth Comom Mr Chair,

I will now address the topic of "**Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction**".

As preliminary remarks, Italy would like to commend the Special Rapporteur, Prof. Claudio Grossman Guiloff, for the excellent work, including by building upon his predecessors' achievements.

Italy welcomes and supports the efforts made to elaborate a comprehensive set of rules on the complex and important topic of immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction.

Italy wishes to reiterate its support for the Draft Articles and we hope that the work of the International Law Commission and of the Sixth Committee will eventually lead to the elaboration of a specific Convention that would reduce the problem of the fragmentation of national practices on the issue. In this regard, we look forward to cooperating with the Commission on articles 7 to 18 in order to allow a second reading of the Draft Articles.

I will now comment on draft articles 1 to 3 in the first report of the Special Rapporteur, while reserving the possibility to make further observations to draft articles 4 to 6 at a later stage.

First, on Draft Article 1, Italy welcomes the new wording in paragraph 3, which safeguards

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of draft conclusions, aiming to recognise the existing international norms that may be relevant to this sector. This, with the aim of defining a common framework of reference for protecting the inalienable rights of persons affected by sea-level rise and assuring the continuity of statehood as a key principle of international law in such an event. With regard to the issue of protection of persons, we support an approach that is in line with State practice, existing legal instruments and previous work of the ILC on other relevant subject matters, including for example the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters.