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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to express the gratitude of this delegation for the work of the Commission during this session and for the important progress made in relation to the topics included on its agenda. Its Report of this year is a valuable account of this work.

1. We would like to express our appreciation for the work of the Commission on the topic of Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction and for the First Report of the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Claudio Grossman Guiloff. We would equally like to express our gratitude for the substantial work of the previous Special Rapporteurs on this topic, Mr. Roman Kolodkin and Ms. Concepcion Escobar Hernandez.

2. Before addressing briefly draft articles 1, 3, 4 and 5[6], as provisionally adopted by the Drafting Committee, I would like (s)g RoandRthe osktctionRtatd wonnRtHa(a)8(1)-3(1)4(y

the case of total submergence of land due to sea-level rise could be possible it is not inconceivable that total loss of territory could be reversed at a later stage due to technological progress or changes in climatic circumstances. Nor would total loss of territory due to sea-level rise affect the right of self-determination of peoples.

4. The Additional paper very usefully tries to chart various approaches that States might lawfully use in order to preserve their statehood in face of the effects of sea-level rise. We recognize the importance of agreement by the concerned populations with any solution identified.

5. Romania also points out from the start the link between sea-level rise and climate change implications on human rights, which, without overlapping completely, can have similar legal solutions. From this point of view, we agree with the conclusion of the Additional paper that the *ILC Draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters* is the departure point for further analysis.

6. We commend the Commission for considering human dignity as a guiding principle for any action to be taken in the context of sea-level rise.

10. We would like to once again congratulate the Commission for its progressive approach on this crucial topic.

Chapter XI – Other decisions and conclusions of the Commission

On the Chapter XI, my delegation welcomes the decision of the ILC to include two specific topics in its long-term programme of work, namely the *compensation for damage caused by internationally wrongful acts and due diligence in international law*.

Both topics are relevant for States (especially in the present international law context where climate change and massive human rights violations are holding the front page) and are well covered by State practice to be included in its programme of work.

At the same time, my delegation encourages the ILC to revisit the list of topics included in the long-term programme of work and sanitize it by deciding which topics should be eliminated for lack of relevance to States and on which work should be started by inclusion in the active agenda of the Commission.

We remain of the opinion and reiterate that the ILC should embark on studying the topic *universal criminal jurisdiction*, as such study will bring about the much needed clarity on its scope and conditions for activation.

Similarly, we encourage the ILC to focus its attention on private international law topics as well, as these topics have increased in significance on the international agenda, having the potential of becoming even more central in the future.

This concludes my intervention on this cluster.

Thank you!