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Mr. Chair, distinguished colleagues,

sub-topics currently under discussion, we would like to reiterate our long-standing position on the need to fully preserve the integrity of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. We believe that international courts and tribunals play an important role in clarifying the applicable rules that guide the conduct of States and other actors in dealing with the climate change issues, including the sea-level rise and its effects, many of which are unprecedented.

We look forward to the continuation of discussions on this important topic within the ILC that should be approached with particular caution.

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In the 1990-es, during and after the process of dissolution of the predecessor State, Croatia suffered the most serious crimes, consequences of which are still present. This year we mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the Agreement on Succession Issues, however the process of succession has not been completed yet. In this regard, Croatia has been supporting the great efforts that the Commission invested in examining this topic since 2017. We took note of the recommendations of the re-established Working Group, and wait for its next report.

Let me conclude by reiterating that Croatia attaches great importance to the role and work of the ILC. We would like to emphasize a need of synthesis of this valuable and profound work, therefore we are looking forward to continued engagement in further debates in the Sixth Committee.

I thank you for your attention.