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to be submitted in 2025.

In connection with the issue of sea level rise, the Republic of Korea fully shares the concerns of the international community, particularly low-lying island States confronted with grave challenges posed by climate change. In this context, in May 2023, the Republic of Korea expressed its support for the 2021 Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the Face of Climate Change-related Sea-Level Rise adopted by the Pacific Islands Forum. We are also actively participating in various collaborative proj16(a) icpporthaca

Furthermore, we fully support the Commission's decision to re-establish the Planning Group under the leadership of Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez to review the Commission's program, procedures, and working methods. We also welcome the re-establishment of the Working Group on working methods and procedures, chaired by Mr. Charles Chernor Jalloh. These actions are vital steps toward ensuring the effective functioning of the Commission and the continued development of international law.

On the occasion of the Commission's 75th anniversary, we extend our heartfelt congratulations. The Republic of Korea remains fully committed to supporting the Commission's work and to contributing to the ongoing development of international law.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Ms. Alina Orosan of Romania and Mr. Xinmin Ma of China on their recent elections.

Thank you. /END/