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Chair,

Micronesia aligns itself with the statements delivered under this Cluster by Samoa on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States and by Tonga on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum.

We express gratitude to Mr. Marcelo Vazquez-Bernués for his summary of the work of the International Law Commission ("Commission") over the work of the Commission for many more sessions.

Chair,

For this Cluster, Micronesia will focus on the topic of "International Law on the Sea and the Law of the Sea." We are grateful for the work of the Study Group on the Law of the Sea and Mr. Ruda Santolaria for their additional work on the topic of the protection of persons affected by sea-level rise.

On the issue of statehood, we have two main points.

First, Micronesia underscores that while climate change poses significant threats of a physical nature to the lives, livelihoods, and well-being of communities throughout the world, particularly in developing States like Micronesia, such as sea-level rise, the statehood of States once already established is not affected. This is reflected in the 2023 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Declaration on the Protection of Persons in the Face of Climate Change and the AOSIS Leaders Declaration on Sea-level Rise and

takes issue with passages in paragraphs 69 and 70 additional paper as well as in paragraph