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Statement on behalf of the Baltic States on non-legally binding  
international agreements  
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Mr Chair,

It is an honour to address the Sixth Committee today on behalf of the Baltic States: Estonia, Lithuania, and my own country, Latvia.

We would like to begin by expressing our sincere gratitude to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Mathias Forteau, and the International Law Commission for their dedicated work on the topic of non-legally binding international agreements.

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to add the following remarks in our capacity.

Firstly, the Baltic States note a significant increase in non-legally binding agreements concluded at the international level and recognize the crucial role of such agreements in fostering international cooperation, particularly in addressing urgent global challenges. However, we also acknowledge the potential concerns about the lack of oversight of such agreements and the possible implications they might have on existing treaties. The Bal874 0 59du(c)24

*per se*. Such agreements should be included in the discussion and assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Thirdly, we support the view that the term agreement does not necessarily only include legally binding instruments but can also encompass non-legally binding ones. In our practice, the terminology used<sup>2</sup> whether it be<sup>3</sup> agreement