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Mr. President,

Canada respects the Commission's work on this complex subject and appreciates the longstanding contribution of Special Rapporteur Maurice Kamto. Indeed, Mr. Kamto has delivered eight reports on the expulsion of aliens over the course of nearly a decade.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these Draft Articles and have read Mr. Kamto's reports with great interest.

As noted by the Special Rapporteur in his Eighth report, there exists a "considerable body of international legal instruments, international jurisprudence from a wide variety of sources, an abundance of national legislation and jurisprudence, and well-developed doctrine" governing the expulsion of aliens. Canada notes that while certain principles such as *non-refoulement* are well-developed and widely-accepted, the draft articles also contain standards drawn from this wide array of international and regional instruments, which do not enjoy universal adherence, as well as from domestic legislation and regional jurisprudence. We will therefore continue to carefully examine the draft articles and we will provide written comments.

Once again, I would like to express Canada's interest in this endeavor. It will be important to maintain the careful balance struck in international law between promoting and protecting human rights, such as the right to seek asylum, and States' sovereignty over their borders. We await comments from other Members and look forward to continued cooperation on this important subject.