

# **ISRAEL**

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**Effects of Armed Conflicts on Treaties**

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Mr. Chairman,

With respect to the topic of Effects of Armed Conflicts on Treaties, Israel would first like to express its appreciation to the International Law Commission on its extensive and valuable work on this important issue.

Israel would like to reiterate the concerns that were raised regarding certain articles, which were expressed in the past, and especially regarding the inclusion of only topical list of treaties, which needs to be more substantive criteria as to what should remain in effect in the course of armed conflicts. We support a more appropriate approach whereby certain general criteria will be identified, which if met, will continue to apply during an armed conflict.

With regards to Article 15 on the Prohibition of benefit to an aggressor State, Israel reiterates its position that in an extended conflict, in light of the complexity such a situation may pose, the question of possible benefit to an aggressor state should be considered as a relevant factor, but should not necessarily be the only factor to be taken into account.

Given of these concerns, Israel believes that further work is still required on developing the substance and application of the articles prior to examining the question of the appropriate form that should be given to them.