

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU TO THE UNITED
NATIONS**

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

**AMBASSADOR OTTO - Report of the International Law Commission
on the work of its sixty-seventh session
(A/70/10) [item 83]**

Dear Mr. Chairman, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentleman.

**First, let me start by congratulating you Mr. Chairman and the
members of the Bureau for your election.**

**Palau is committed to support you and our partners to make the work
of the 6th Committee during this 70th session of the General Assembly
a productive one.**

**We welcome the statements made by our partners on this important
item.**

**Let me take this opportunity to show our appreciation for the
excellent work by the International Law Commission and the Special
Rapporteur.**

**Last year Palau reminded this Committee of the importance of the
effects of the Second World War in the atmosphere. This year, we
would like to stress the importance of addressing the issues of the
impacts of remnants of war in the water. The issue of effects of WWII
in both the atmosphere and in the water is of particular importance to**

Palau with respect to our health, food security and sustainable development.

In this respect, Palau wants to make reference to the SAMOA Pathway, approved by our leaders, where in article 71 there is a clear reference to the management of Hazardous Waste with the need to “Enhancing technical cooperation programmes, including those under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal” ...”including chemical and hazardous waste, ship and aircraft generated waste and marine plastic litter, and further strengthening and expanding geographic coverage of oil spill contingency plans”.

Therefore, we would like to encourage the Commission and the Rapporteur to address these issues in the next report and the ILC to adopt Draft principles reflecting the need of protection of the maritime environment.

Mr. Chairman, dear Colleagues,

Before we conclude, relevant to our discussion, please allow us to express our appreciation to Australia for their work they have undertaken in Palau to remove unexploded ordnance from the Second World War, some of which are under water.

I thank you Mr. Chairman and dear Colleagues for your kind attention.