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Madam Chair,

Our delegation would like to thank the International Law Commission for its work carried out despite the exceptional circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate the opportunities for exchange with the Commission and we thank the chair-designate and the secretary of the ILC for their oral reports to the Committee.

Armenia welcomes an open, transparent and inclusive process for progressive development and codification of international law with the purpose of filling new and existing gaps in the international legal landscape in response to the evolving social, economic and political needs and the actual practice of states that generates precedents.

Armenia reaffirms the critical importance of upholding the international rule of law at all times. Preserving legal stability, predictability and accountability is particularly important in times of major crisis, such as the one caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the related challenges for the legal and multilateral systems. Effective interaction between the Sixth Committee as a body of governmental representatives and the Commission as a body of legal experts plays an important role in upholding international law and pursuing its progressive codification.

Armenia took note of the reports prepared by the special rapporteurs of the current session, as well as of the extension of the deadline for States to submit comments on the draft conclusions on peremptory norms of general international law (*jus cogens*) and the principles on the protection of the environment in relation to armed conflict. Armenia is cognizant of the importance of inputs provided by Member States in relation to their respective views and practice.

Once again, Armenia is grateful to the Commission for their efforts and looks forward to further increasing our engagement.