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Madam Chair,

We would like to thank the Chair of the 71st session and the Chair-designate of the 72nd session of International Law Commission for the oral report on the work of the Commission.

Upholding the rule of law is crucial to the development of each nation and the international community at large, the promotion and protection of human rights and the maintenance of international peace and security. The ILC has been playing a crucial role in promoting the progressive development and codification of international law. The Commission’s tireless efforts have provided this Committee with valuable information and analysis on many important areas of international law. Although we do not have a formal comprehensive report on the work of the Commission due to the COVID-19 pandemic, my Delegation continues to follow closely the progress of the work of the Commission. On that basis, we joined consensus in adopting Decisions A/74/545, A/74/559 and A/74/566 of the General Assembly regarding the organization of the sessions of the ILC and extension of the term of office of the members of the Commission by one year such that they will expire on 31 December 2022.

Madam Chair,

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, we appreciate the efforts of the members of the Commission to conduct informal work intersessionally. We take note of the need for the formal sessions of the Commission to take place

to allow for in person and direct dialogue and exchange among members of the Commission with regard to topics on the Commission's agenda.

In this regard, we encourage the Secretariat to continue to prepare options to enable the ILC to effectively conduct its sessions either remotely or in hybrid so as to ensure business continuity, including by using technology solutions and addressing any administrative requirements that might arise, such as with regard to summary record as mentioned just now in the Secretariat's oral report.

In closing, allow me to reiterate our appreciation for the efforts of the ILC to improve its methods of work and encourage the Commission to continue this practice.

I thank you./.