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**Statement of the Republic of Uganda
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Commission Chap I, II, III, IV”**

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Madam Chairperson,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the delegation of Uganda.

At the outset, *my delegation* aligns itself with the statement delivered by Morocco on behalf of the African Group and would like to express its appreciation to the International Law Commission for the “Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-second session”. The International Law Commission continues to do progressive work in the development and codification of International Law.

Madam Chair, my delegation would like to thank the Chair of the Commission of the 72nd session, **Ambassador Mahmoud Hamoud** for his leadership in conducting the work of the Commission, as well as for introducing the report on the work of the Commission contained in document A/76/10.

Madam Chairperson,

My delegation would like to congratulate the International Law Commission for preparing the report despite the continued challenges brought *about* by the Covid-19 pandemic. Never, in modern times, has the whole world suffered the impact of a pandemic so severe and so widespread as the ongoing Covid-19 global pandemic. In this most challenging time in the history of international law, it is crucial for us to address existing, new and emerging issues of international law.

Madam Chairperson,

It is crucial to recall the importance and mandate of the International Law Commission, The Commission was established in 1947, to *carry out* the mandate of the *General Assembly*, under article 13 (1) (a) of the Charter of the United Nations to "initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of ... encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification". I am glad to note that the Commission continues to deliver on this task, despite the constraints it must contend with.

Turning to the report, my delegation appreciates the work done on the topic of protection of the atmosphere. The call for international cooperation in paragraph 8 is important as there is need for the cooperation of States to protect the atmosphere from high levels of pollution. We take note of all the provisions in the draft guidelines and will continue to monitor the work done in the International Law Commission.

In conclusion, Madam **Chairperson**,

My delegation once again commends the Members of the Commission, *and* the secretariat for the tremendous work in preparing this report and enabling members to participate in the meetings of the commission through the hybrid format. My delegation looks forward to supporting the work of the international law commission in the coming sessions. **I thank you.**