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Sixth Committee

“Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm”

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Madam/Mr. Chair,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands welcomes the consideration of the prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities **and** allocation of loss in the case of such harm.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands supports the elaboration of further developing, in an integrated manner, the draft articles on the prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities *and* the draft principles allocation of loss in the case of such harm.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to reaffirm its position that the form of the work on the liability aspects of the topic should not be different from that on the prevention aspects. Differentiating between prevention and liability aspects is undesirable, as The Kingdom of the Netherlands believes that the obligation of States to take necessary measures to ensure that prompt and adequate compensation is available for victims of transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities should be incorporated in the draft articles on the prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities.

Madam/ Mr. Chair,

Considering the need for further developing the draft articles and draft principles, the Kingdom of the Netherlands remains fully committed to continued discussions on prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities **and** allocation of loss in the case of such harm.

Thank you, Madam/Mr. Chair