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“Expulsion of aliens”

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Madam/Mr. Chair,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands notes the inclusion of the topic of 'expulsion of aliens' by the General Assembly to this session of the Sixth Committee, with a view to examining the question of the form that might be given to the draft articles or any other appropriate action.

The draft articles include many existing obligations, particularly those related to human rights, essential to the treatment of everyone who is expelled. However, we regret that the draft articles as adopted by the International Law Commission go beyond the currently applicable rules of international law on expulsion of aliens and are not in accordance with state practice. Over the past years the Kingdom of the Netherlands has consistently objected to such progressive development of international law in this field.

Therefore, at this point in time, the Kingdom of the Netherlands cannot support a convention or any other form of codification on the basis of these draft articles.

Thank you, Madam/Mr. Chair