



PHILIPPINES

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chair,

We thank the Secretary-General for his report on diplomatic protection, containing comments and information received from Governments as set out in A/80/100.

The Philippines commends the International Law Commission's important work on this topic and welcomes its continued consideration in this forum. The question of diplomatic protection is of enduring significance in international relations, having existed even before the emergence of modern nation-states. It represents a sovereign prerogative by which a State acts on behalf of its nationals whose rights have been injured abroad.

protection on behalf of juridical persons. Similarly, we value the clarification provided by the late Professor Ian Brownlie on situations where representation or delegation among States may give rise to a right of protection.

Mr. Chair,

Draft Article 18 is especially significant for the Philippines, as one of the world's largest suppliers of seafarers. We recognize that the flag State may exercise diplomatic protection over them; however, we believe that such a prerogative should be complementary, not exclusive, to that of the seafarer's State of nationality.

We also note that the draft articles do not specify the period within which diplomatic protection may be exercised. To promote legal stability, the Philippines suggests that consideration be given to the principles of prescription, estoppel, or laches, which help ensure predictability in both human and international relations.

Mr. Chair,

Diplomatic protection remains one of the most rich even if controversial fields for the development of international law.

The Philippines welcomes the International Law Commission's recommendation to elaborate a convention on diplomatic protection on the basis of the 2006 Draft Articles. We also acknowledge the close relationship between these principles and those embodied in the Articles on State Responsibility for Internationally Wrongful Acts, which together strengthen the accountability and stability in international relations. In this regard, we will contribute constructively to efforts towards reaching a broad consensus on this. Thank you. **END.**