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	conflicts', the United Kingdom welcomes the Commission's	
	completion this year of the first reading of a set of draft principles and	
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in conflicts to which they are not a party. The United Kingdom does not accept that Common Article 1 contains such an obligation.

6. Nor does the United Kingdom accept the blanket prohibition against reprisals in draft principle 16. In the United Kingdom's view, this does not reflect the current state of customary international law and reservations by States to article 55(2) of Additional Protocol 1 to the Geneva Conventions.

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Mr/Madam Chairperson,

- 7. Turning to the topic 'immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction', the United Kingdom notes the developments in the Commission this year, which are reflected in Chapter VIII of its report and in the interim report of the Drafting Committee.
- 8. The United Kingdom reiterates its view that this is a topic of vital importance and practical significance.
- 9. The United Kingdom is grateful for the inclusion in the seventh report by Special Rapporteur, Professor Concepción Escobar Hernández, of

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Commission. Notwithstanding this welcome progress, the Commission

abuse, but without proposing draft articles.

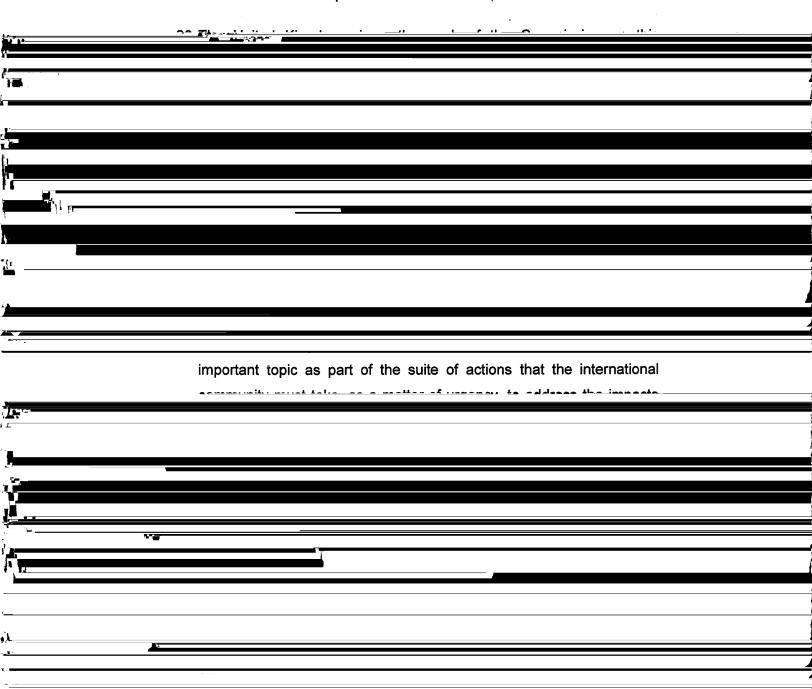
- 11. Debates on the sixth and seventh reports in this year's session indicated a measure of agreement within the Commission that procedural safeguards are needed to address concerns regarding potential politicisation or abuse, but disagreement as to what those safeguards should be.
- 12. The Drafting Committee provisionally adopted one draft article (draft article 8 *ante*), which would be the opening article of a new Part Four on procedure.

13. Although	the	United	Kingdom	welcomes	the	Commission's	general

sees for its work on this topic, which the United Kingdom assumes will be a convention open to ratification by States. national criminal courts and international criminal courts for the purposes of immunity treatment", without consideration of the decision

of the ICC Anneals Chamber in the Al-Bashir case. The Inited

19. The United Kingdom welcomes the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate, which provides the best available science on the wide range of impacts of climate change on the ocean and the cryosphere, and potential measures for building resilience to those impacts.



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