Statement

by

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on

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Your Excellency Milenko Skoknic, Permanent Representative of Chile and Chair of Sixth Committee,



Committee's work for this session, I join other delegations in congratulating you, **Mr. Chair**, and the respective Bureau members, for your mandate and also for the manner in which you continue to steer our work in this rather unusual circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. We pledge our constructive support to your

We note the careful manner in which the Study Group formulated the First Issues Paper whilst taking into account the various contributions made so far, and further appreciates the elaboration provided at the informal briefing last week in this Committee.

Mr. Chair,

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Second, UNCLOS does not prohibit the preservation of baselines

baselines; and

• Thirdly, the ambulatory theory regarding baselines and the limits of maritime zones measured from such baselines does not respond to, inter alia, the need to preserve legal stability, security, certainty and predictability.

Mr. Chair,

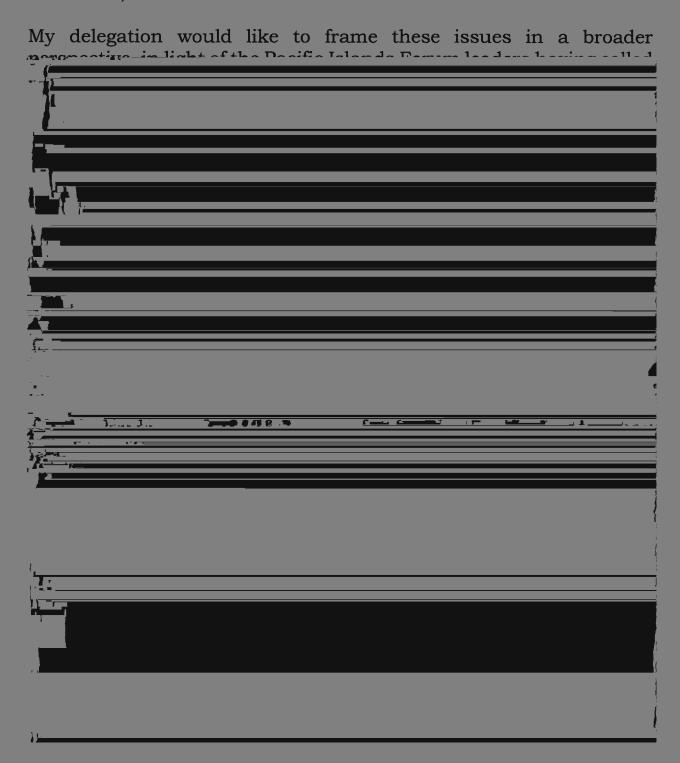
We are also appreciative of the useful contributions from Prof. Dr. Aurescu and Dr. Oral at the Pacific Islands Forum virtual conference held in early September 2020 on the highly important topic of: "Securing the Limits of the Blue Pacific: Legal Options and



This is indeed a core and critical Pacific regional issue under our Blue

As such, Papua New Guinea, together with the other Pacific Small Island Developing States, have special reasons for concern in this area of international law.

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