there is some confusion about the range of ILC work products, which in the past two decades has included draft articles, principles, conclusions, guides, and guidelines. The precise difference between some of these various frameworks is not readily apparent. Even when adopting the same framework over multiple projects the format and content of the final work products vary significantly.

have included material more appropriate for draft articles -- including, for example, binding language and dispute resolution clauses.

The United States therefore proposes that the ILC consider drafting a practice guide for the selection of the framework of its work products. This practice guide could detail the criteria for the selection of a particular work product framework, the types of provisions that may be included within that framework, and what the legal implications of the framework choice might be, if any.

We hope the ILC finds this proposal useful. On behalf of the United States, we send our best wishes for the health and safety of the ILC Members and their families during these difficult times.

Thank you, Chair.