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## Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, let me congratulate the Chairman of the International Law Commission (ILC),

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legislative phases that are not always clearly discernible. Thus, a provision may be proposed by the Special Rapporteur, pending in the drafting Committee, approved by the drafting Committee, approved by the plenary session, or approved by the plenary session with commentary. Within a particular topic, it is typical for different provisions to be at different stages of the process. In this context, it would be advisable to consider inserting into the report a table for each topic, giving an overall picture or snapshot of where we are in the standard or rule-making process.

As regards the # V -binding agreements on the list of topics. This issue is certainly closely linked to the topic Definition of the convinced that caution should be exercised not to equate this topic with the whole very complex and broad issue of soft law.

I thank you.