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CHAPTER IX: SEA-LEVEL RISE IN RELATION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW

NOVEMBER 1, 2022 UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK Mr. Chair,

My delegation expresses its appreciation to the ILC for the Report of the International Law Commission on its seventy third session and to the Study Group for their work and report, a summary of which is included in the report of the ILC.

My delegation takes the opportunity to commend the co-chairs, Ms. Patrícia Galvão Teles, and Mr. Juan José Ruda Santolaria,

Mr. Chair,

On the question of the future concerning statehood of States becoming submerged as a result of seal level rise, my delegation takes the view that the rules developed should support the maintenance of stability and protection of the most vulnerable states.

would be required to cooperate. Specifically, the ILC may wish to discuss when the obligation for cooperation arises, the threshold to be met to trigger the obligation, what the obligation entails and when the obligation to cooperate ends.

In conducting this analysis, my delegation believes that guidance may be obtained from other relevant areas of international law such as international humanitarian law and international disaster law. It may be useful for the ILC to also consider its work in relation to cooperation regarding disasters to include the Draft Articles. In addition, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is instructive. Article 23 of the ICESR outlines ways in which States may cooperate to realize the rights contained in the Convention, to include, the provision of technical assistance and holding regional and technical meetings for the purpose of consultation.

In conclusion, my delegation looks forward to the continuation of the work of the Study Group on these important sub-topics in an effort to develop rules and principles in a manner that considers the position of all States and promotes stability and security in the international legal system.