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‘Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm
from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the
case of such harm’

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Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. The delegation of Sierra Leone thanks the Secretary -General for his reports on the agenda item - "Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm":
 - a. Document A/77/148 - which is a compilation of further comments by Governments on any future action, in particular on the form of the articles, and the principles on the allocation of loss, bearing in mind the recommendations made by the International Law Commission on the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the articles, as well as on any practice in relation to the application of the articles and principles.
 - b. Document A/77/147 - is a compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles, and the principles adopted by the ILC.
2. We commend the member States that made submissions to facilitate the preparation of both reports , providing insights on practice in relation to the application of the articles and principles. We take particular note of the reliance on the articles and principles in cases before international and regional courts.
3. Further, we place importance and agree with the views expressed on the need to protect the environment in the context of curbing transboundary harm by emphasizing prevention, and by "reaffirming

distinguished international law jurists. Importantly, the risk of not undermining or weakening the work done by the Commission is often cited to stay action, and as argued to allow, in the case of adopted articles, for those articles to mature. This is more so the case on issues relating to progressive development or a mix of codification and progressive development of international law.

8. In essence, some States would rather cede the article 13 paragraph 1 mandate of the United Nations Charter to courts and tribunals. There may be merit in this approach but not in all instances in our view. By

of transboundary harm, a consistent and coherent international legal framework setting out relevant standards of conduct and practice is an imperative.

Chair ,

11. Irrespective of the various positions of member States on the various products of the ILC with a similar recommendation as that of the present Articles , it is our view that there is common interest for the Sixth Committee to take stock of the agenda items dealing with products of the ILC, and further rationalize these topics with the view of sequencing meaningful debate on them , and to

view by the Commission on the value on the nomenclature relating to the outcomes of its work .

14. In closing,