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Thank You, Mister Chairman.

With respect to the Secretary-General's report (A/68/597) and the comments of States on the future status of the draft

As we explained in our 2007 written submission, the United States continues to believe that the General Assembly should not be asked to agree with the Secretary-General's proposal. The large body of State practice in the area of diplomatic protection and the fact that States in their various ways share the concerns expressed that a limited number of articles are necessary to reflect customary international law, as well as the fact that the draft Convention was developed by the United States and other States on October 19, 1978, as reported

in the Secretary-General's report, are all factors that should be taken into account in negotiating a convention. It is the United States' view that the Secretary-General's proposal is an advance by the Secretary-General that is not warranted. It is the United States' view that the Secretary-General should sometimes take into account the views of States in the area of diplomatic protection.

Thank you, Mister Chairman.