

Statement by  
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Mr Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chair of the International Law Commission and congratulate the Commission on the outcomes of its 65<sup>th</sup> session.

My delegation would like to recognize the  
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reduce the risk of disasters, as well as to respond when disasters

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cific small island developing states, is highly susceptible to the  
aster as a result of climate change. Across the Pacific, rising sea

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Article 5 *ter* confirms that the duty upon States to cooperate, as set out in Article 5, extends to cooperation in respect of measures intended to reduce the risk of disasters.

In the context of climate change, States must therefore cooperate, and indeed are obliged to do so under international law, to reduce the risk of disaster, including by reducing global emissions of greenhouse gases.

It is incumbent upon States, both developed and developing, to cooperate with each other to ensure that measures are taken now to reduce the effects of climate change, which are devastating small island developing states.

Mr Chair

