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Mr Chairman,

I would like to thank the Chairman of the Commission for his report to the Sixth Committee. The United Kingdom welcome-3(m)3()-621guy>ort



conclusion that different means of interpretation will carry different weight depending on the circumstances but that interpretation is a single operation.

We look forward to the further work of the Commission on this topic.

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Mr Chairman,

Turning now to the topic of the **Immunity of state officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction**, we are grateful to the Commission, and especially to the Special Rapporteur, for the progress that has been made on this topic at the last session. This topic is extremely important in the conduct of foreign relations, and is of genuine practical significance. It is also a topic which increasingly attracts comment and scrutiny from a variety of perspectives, and so a clear, accurate and well documented statement of the law by the Commission is likely to be very valuable.

We have noted the texts of the three draft Articles that were adopted this year, and reviewed the commentaries on them.

Affairs. Of course the judgment of the International Court of Justice in the Arrest Warrant case is clear authority that the Troika do enjoy immunity *ratione personae*, but it does not seem that the Court intended to limit such immunity to these three high offices of State. The primary basis for limiting immunity to the Troika that is put forward in the commentary to the present draft Article appears to derive from the representative character of these

