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In the name of God, the most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflicts

Mr. Chairman

On the topic "protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts", my delegation commends the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Marie Perle, on her report.

The necessity to protect the environment during armed conflicts dates back to ancient times, but with the development of modern technology, the risk of environmental destruction as a result of armed conflict has increased. This is a report on the work of the International Law Commission, which is considered as a common concern of international community. The principles of the law of the armed conflict, namely, principle of distinction, principle of proportionality and the precaution in attack, as well as the rule of military necessity, must be taken into account in any kind of armed conflict.

My delegation believes that at no point should we allow the environment to be used as a shield to strike a proper balance between safeguarding the environment in relation to armed conflicts.

We would like to highlight the necessity of override any distinction between different types of weapons during the work of the Commission on the topic. All weapons including weapons of mass destruction which are not able to make distinction between military and civilian



