

Statement by Marie Jacobsson, Special Rapporteur for the Protection of the  
environment in relation to armed conflict.

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*Dear colleagues,*

I would like to extend my thanks to all colleagues in the 6<sup>th</sup> Committee that have contributed to this year's **debate**, as well as for their contributions previous years. I would also like to thank those States that, over the years, have contributed in **writing** to the topic *Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflict*. Such contributions have been submitted either **formally**, through responses to the questions posed by the Commission, or **informally** (directly to me). I know how much work it takes to do such work.

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This year is a little special to me. As many of you know, this is my **last year on the Commission** and my last time at the podium as a Special Rapporteur. It is