



Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Finland, Norway, Iceland, Sweden – and my own country – Denmark on Cluster III of the ILC report.

Firstly, turning to chapter VIII of the Report of the International Law Commission, which focuses on the peremptory norms of general international law (jus cogens).

The Nordic countries would like to thank Special Rapporteur, Mr. Dire Tladi for his second report, which covers the criteria for identification of peremptory norms (jus cogens) in an important endeavor to bring clarity to a challenging

concept.

The Nordic countries fully support the process and the continued work by Mr.

The question of State responsibility has been left out of the earlier work of the Commission on State responsibility. The issue was also not included in the articles

on State Responsibility adopted by the Commission in 2001. Doctrinal writings used to pay little attention to this topic and if they did, they generally concluded

There is a clear connection between a safe natural environment and living

conditions for human beings and international peace and security. It is for these reasons that the Nordic countries strongly support the topic Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts.

The Nordic countries express their appreciation to the Commission for the

manner in which it has continued to work on the topic following the end of the

mandate of the former Special Rapporteur Ambassador Marie Jacobsson. We