



STATEMENT
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Mr. Chair,

My delegation has the honour to deliver this few remarks on behalf of the African Group and to welcome the Commission to yet another week of International Law, in New York.

The African group would like to express profound gratitude to the Commission for its report contained in document **A/73/10**. We appreciate the structure of the report as outlined to enable delegations to easily navigate their way through. We appreciate reading the report in the order of: information concerning

Mr. Chair,

The African Group congratulates the Commission on the commemoration of its 70th anniversary which was celebrated in its usual fashion of intellectual events, held in New York and in Geneva 70 years of the International Law Commission-Drawing a

milestone in the significant work of the Commission, as it strives to fulfil its mandate under the 1947 statute to assist States and the General Assembly in the promotion of the progressive development and codification of international law.

We, therefore, encourage the Commission to continue to hold similar events held in the celebration of its 70 years anniversary, in other parts of the world as of right, in accordance with Article 12 of its Statute. We support the continued exercise of this kind, in particular in New York, aimed at bringing the Sixth committee and the Commission closer.

Mr. Chair,

We take note of the Commission programme of work and we congratulate Mr. Marcelo Vazquez-Bermudez of Eduardo on his appointment as Special Rapporteur. We hope that after taking this decision, the Commission now have the opportunity to effectively complete its work on sources of international law as required