

Statement by

Mr. Chairman,

On

While the immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction continues to remain great importance to States, we concur with the special rapporteur that the focus of the members of the Commission with regard to the procedural aspects of immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction has shifted towards the need to establish procedural safeguards to avoid the politicization and abuse of criminal jurisdiction in respect of foreign officials. From that standpoint, as stated by the special rapporteur in her report, the procedural aspects to be considered should essentially comprise clauses safeguarding the sovereignty of the foreign State.