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Mr. Chair,

As this is my first time addressing the sixth committee, I wish to start by congratulating you Mr. Chair on the able way in which you have conducted the work of this Committee so far and acknowledge the important role of the other members of the Bureau.

~~Mr. Chair, I also wish to thank the Chair of the International Law Commission, Mr. Eduardo Valencia~~

Ospina, for introducing the report on the Commission's work at its 70<sup>th</sup> session.

My country cannot overstate enough the importance of the ILC, whose role in the progressive development and codification of International Law has significantly contributed for seven decades to the strengthening of International Law and the rule of law. Lebanon welcomes the commemorative events for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Commission held both in New York and Geneva. The successful holding this year of the first part of the ILC session here in New York further facilitated and enhanced the interaction between the ILC members and the sixth committee,

Mr. Chair,

My delegation views positively the intention of the Special Rapporteur to address questions of responsibility and liability for environmental harm in relation to armed conflicts, in its future and final work. Lebanon already provided information to the ILC on this matter in January 2016, and stands ready to share these comments again. We believe the question of responsibility and liability for environmental harm could consider the importance of reparation and especially restitution, when possible, in cases of internationally wrongful acts committed against the environment in conformity with Article 31 of the ILC's draft Articles of State responsibility.

Furthermore, my delegation is of the view that draft principles pertaining to this question could be covered in a separate Part V, but it would also be relevant to have them under both Part One on the General Principles, and Part III dealing with the post-conflict phase.

I will continue to follow closely the work of the International Law Commission

Thank you.