Mr Chairman, on behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, I would like to thank you for the overview you have just provided of the work of the Commission for this cluster of topics. In what follows, I will present to you the comments and observations my government has with respect to these topics.

Chapter IX (Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts)

My government would like to thank the Commission for its work on this topic and the Special

occupation.

within the Commission on this topic, we are impressed by the quality of her report, the nuanced approach and the detailed way in which the various issues have been distinguished.

The discussions among the members of the Commission and States in the Sixth Committee have demonstrated that there is no consensus yet on the exceptions and limitations of immunity of State officials. Regretfully, and distracting from the fundamental questions at hand, it seems that the Commission decided to turn to procedural issues on competence and form. While some of these issues, such as voting, merit attention, they should be discussed in general terms and not within the scope of the present issue. My Government would still hope that consensus will soon be reached on Draft Article 7 concerning exceptions and limitations.

As to the question of exceptions and limitations, the Netherlands would like to reiterate its position

[redacted] Although not an exercise of criminal jurisdiction, the Netherlands has for example

objected to a foreign summons to appear directed at its head of State, the King of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. It considers that the inviolability and immunity of its head of State precludes a summons to appear. This applies a fortiori when a summons to appear is accompanied by a threat