

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Sierra Leone aligns itself with the statement delivered on the 22nd October by the distinguished representative of The Gambia on behalf of the African Group, and makes this intervention in our national capacity.

Sierra Leone thanks the distinguished chair of the International Law Commission (ILC), Mr. Eduardo Valencia Ospina, for introducing the report A/73/10 on the work of the ILC during its 70th session; and further congratulates the Commission for the successful completion of a highly productive session and hosting of the commemorative events in New York as well as in Geneva on its 70th Anniversary. As a small state, Sierra Leone is deeply committed to multilateralism and a rule based international legal order. That is also the *raison d'être* of the

complexity of the issues it implicates. We, therefore, look forward to following closely the ILC's work on this topic, now that it is on its active agenda.

Sierra Leone also welcomes the inclusion of "Universal criminal jurisdiction" and "Sea-level rise in relation to international law" in the long-term programme of work of the Commission as recommended by the Working Group on the long-term programme of work.

Sierra Leone is appreciative of the helpful syllabus on "Universal criminal jurisdiction" attached as Annex A to the report. In our statement before this Committee under the agenda item 87 "Scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction" on the 9

