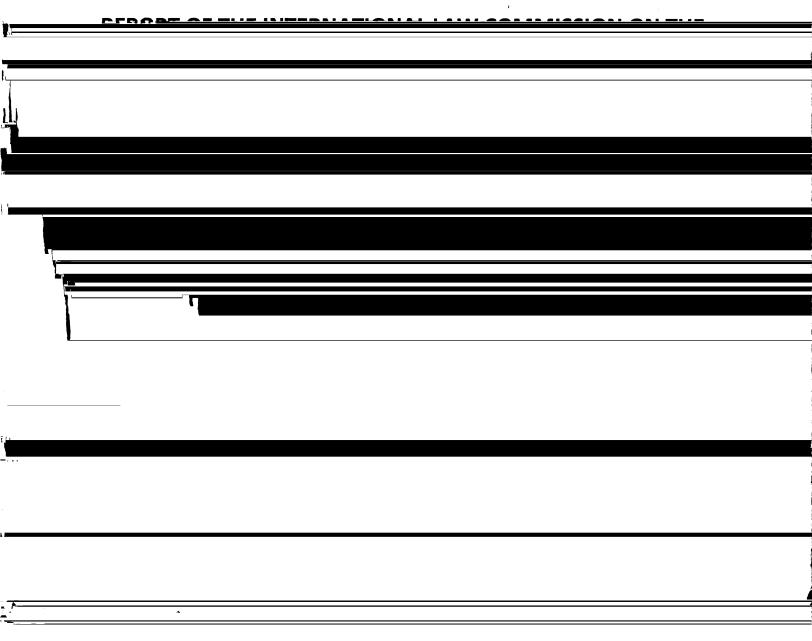
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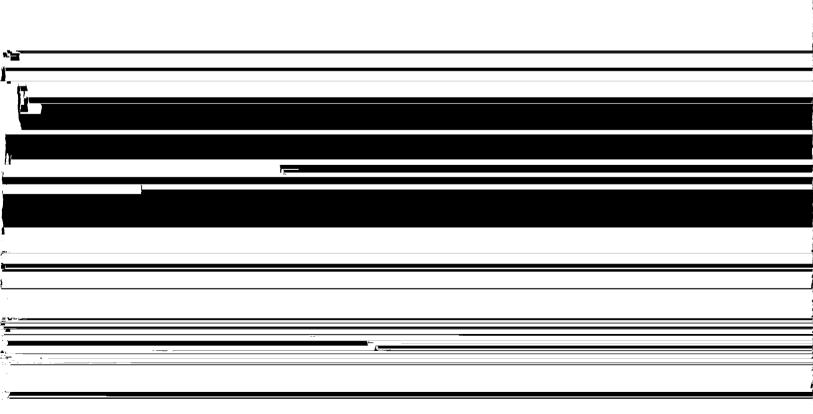
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- Mr. Chair, Belize would like to thank the International Law Commission for submission of its Report on the work of the 71st session to the General Assembly. In particular, Belize welcomes the ILC's decision to establish a Study Group to examine the legal implications of sea-level rise, a topic of critical importance to our State.
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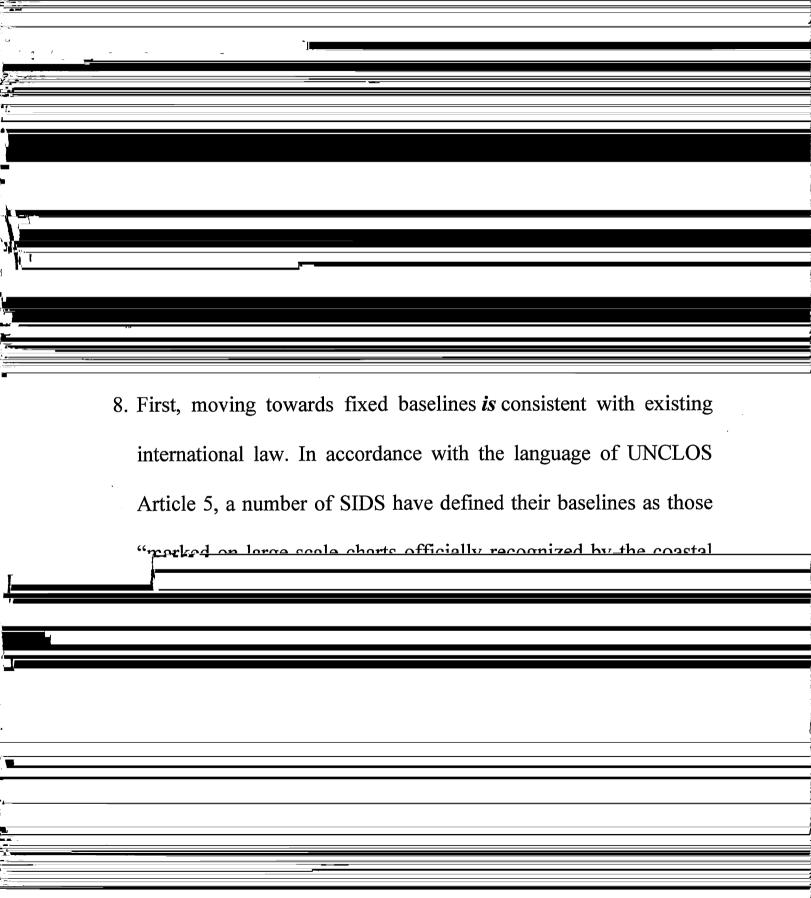
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of sea-level rise by 2100.

4. With this future on the horizon, the impacts of climate change can no longer be treated as hypothetical. Rising seas may affect SIDS most acutely, but these effects will soon be felt by all States. It is time for international law to respond to this issue Sixth Committee Discussion on Sea-Level Rise: Statement for Belize

7. With this in mind. Belize calls upon the ILC to reflect on two key



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	that shift gradually, as they have in the past. They are not equipped
	to handle the drastic future projections for climate change-induced
·	sea-level rise. which could lead to the total extinction of many
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