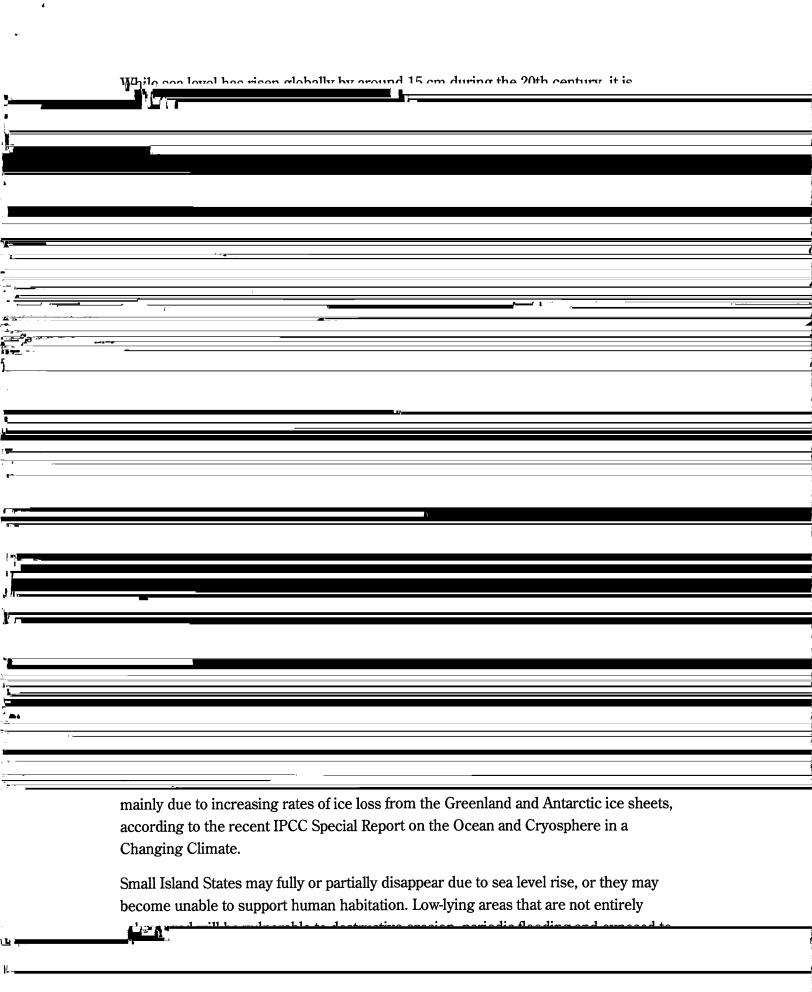


	The Nordic countries welcome the adoption by the Commission of the entire set of the draft principles and commentaries on protection of the environment in relation to armed	
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	the draft principles on second reading in 2021, as envisaged in the Commission's plan of work for the remainder of the quinquennium. These draft principles are a major step	
	forward in the protection of environment in armed conflicts. In addition, they	
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	procedural safeguards, in order to ensure that all relevant aspects of cases involving
	As regards the procedural aspects of immunity and the draft articles contained in the Special Rapporteurs seventh report, the Nordic countries fully agree with the view that these should provide certainty to both the forum State and the State of the official, and help to reduce political considerations and potential abuse of process for political purposes. The procedural safeguards, should, as the rapporteur has stated, be aimed at protecting the interests of both the forum State and the State of the official, and assist to build mutual trust between them. Important in this respect is the draft rules regarding exchange of information and the introduction of a flexible mechanism for consultations. We also very much welcome that the right of the State official to benefit from all fair treatment guarantees is thoroughly recognized.

In its further work on the draft articles the Special Rapporteur and the Commission



The Nordic countries look forward to working with other States and actively engaging with the Commission to provide greater legal clarity in this important field. Mme./Mr. Chair, Historically, the ocean has not featured prominently on the international climate change