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Mr Chairman,

Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts

Poland notes that during this year session the Commission provisionally adopted, on first reading, the entire set of the draft principles on protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts. My delegation would like to thank the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Marja Lehto, for her second report and for her engagement. We would also like to express our appreciation for the valuable contribution of the previous Special Rapporteur, Ms. Marie G. Jacobsson. As the Commission decided to transmit the draft principles for written comments and observations, we shall strive to transmit more detailed comments concerning the entire set of the draft principles in the future.

Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction

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Sea-level rise in relation to international law

Mr Chairman,

During the last year's Sixth Committee debate on the ILC report Poland supported the inclusion of the topic *Sea-level rise in relation to international law* in the International Law program of work. Our position in this respect was dictated, in particular, by the conviction that this issue is indeed significant and its inclusion would speak to the preoccupations and realities faced by a large number of States.

We would, however, like to supplement this view with the following observation. The issue of *Sea-level rise in relation to international law* contrary to other topics that are on the Commission has not been accompanied by considerable amount of practice of states yet, neither there seems to exist significant treaty-based practice. Similarly, we lack decisions of international courts and tribunals in this respect. Therefore, in our view, the Commission has to be particularly careful in formulating its views. We would like to recall at this juncture a recent resolution of the International Law Association that

to facilitate orderly relations between States and, ultimately, the avoidance of conflicts, bearing in mind that one of the principal motivations of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the

My delegation shares that view.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.