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Mr. Chairman,

This year's discussion is being conducted in the light of the postponement of the seventy-second session of the ILC to 2021 owing to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic conditions. While circumstances have made the completion of the work of the ILC, as well as the preparation of its Report impossible, we believe that it is important to continue discussing and to reflect on the vital work of the ILC in the progressive development of international law and its codification. At the same time we would like to thank the current ILC members for their commitment and efforts and call upon them to continue their