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Mister Chair,

There is no doubt that the right to expel is inherent to States. It flows from their sovereignty, from their intrinsic ability to control its territory, one of the defining features of its very identity and existence. As the International Law Commission rightly stated in its comments on the draft articles, this right is uncontested in practice as well as in case-law and writings.

At the same time, the Commission also recognizes in the articles that any form of disguised expulsion is strictly prohibited under international law. The person concerned must always have the opportunity to obtain an impartial and independent decision from the State. States should not expel individuals from

progressive development of international law, in respect of a topic that undeniably deserves greater attention from the international community.

Thank you.