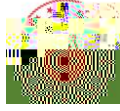


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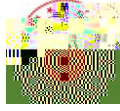
**Statement by Ambassador Kaan ESENER,
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The commentary for draft conclusion 6 refers to *compatibility test* threshold for such transition. Hence, the recognition is implicit when the compatibility test is fulfilled. $TC = 0.0000$ and $MCID = 0/Lang(e1-GB) = BDC = 0.000008$ or 59.25



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Sea-level rise is already impacting the lives and livelihoods of millions around the world, with a direct and overwhelming impact on the least developed and small island nations.

Low-lying coastal areas are home to hundreds of millions of people, and more than 65 million people live in Small Island Developing States (SIDST), which are the most vulnerable to sea level rise. Türkiye supports the work of SIDS which draw attention to the adverse impacts of climate change on the ocean.

No country is immune from the negative effects of the climate change. Apart from imminent effects on the small island states, all coastal states will be impacted by the sea-level rise.

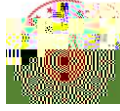
Sea-level rise, in addition to many social and humanitarian consequences, has the potential to create many legal issues on different levels.

UN Convention on the Law of the Sea was negotiated when sea-level rise was not an issue. The current challenges are not covered in the law of the sea.

Coastal conditions may change however, balance of coastal State and third State rights need to be observed.

International community should find solutions with regard to the negative impacts of the sea-level rise. Türkiye has always expressed support for the ILC to study this subject, and will continue to do so.

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Other decisions

We note that the Commission decided this year to include -
legally binding international agreements in its programme of work and
appointed Mr. Mathias Forteau as the Special Rapporteur.

I congratulate Mr. Forteau for his appointment and wish him success.

We recall that the topic was included in the long-term programme in 2022 and
rather after a short term of period, it already figures in the work programme of
the Commission