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UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SIXTH COMMITTEE, UNGA78

EXPLANATION OF POSITION

Draft resolution A/C.6/78/L.21

Peremptory norms of general international law (jus cogens)

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Delivered by Jonathan Hollis

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Thank you Chair.

I would like to start by commending the facilitator of this resolution, Matúš Košuth, for his sterling efforts towards finding a consensus text on this topic, which has been so divisive in the Committee. The United Kingdom considers the resolution to be a fair balance between the different views in the Committee. It was important that the Committee did not take this