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Cluster 1:

**Immunity of State Officials from Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction (Chapter
VII) and Sea-Level Rise in relation to International Law (Chapter X)**

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Allow me to thank Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez, Chair of the International Law Commission (ILC), for his briefing to this Committee.

I would also like to congratulate him and all members of the Commission for their work during the seventy-fifth session.

My delegation takes note of the Report of the Commission presented in document A/79/80.

We wish to take this opportunity to comment on two topics under consideration in Cluster 1 of this Agenda Item.

Immunity of State Officials from Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction

_____ we would like to highlight three key points:

_____ this topic strikes an important balance between the rule of law and the promotion of friendly relations among states.

It addresses a critical issue—the balance between the principles of state sovereignty and the growing demand for accountability in cases of international crimes.

_____ we support the structured approach taken in the Draft Articles.

This approach will provide clear distinctions between immunity *ratione personae* for high-ranking officials and immunity *ratione materiae* for acts carried out in an official capacity.

This distinction is consistent with established customary international law

Additionally, we suggest reflecting more on State practice regarding *ultra vires* acts to guide judicial interpretation.

_____ while we acknowledge the ILC's decision to limit personal immunity to the *Troika* —

We call on the international community to unite, not only to ensure the continuity of statehood but also to preserve the identity, culture, and sovereignty of affected populations.

Allow me to conclude by emphasizing the importance for all Member States to follow up the conclusions of the *High-Level Plenary Meeting on Addressing the Existential Threats Posed by Sea Level-Rise* on September 25, 2024 and the General Assembly Decision 78/558 to strengthening international cooperation and partnerships to enhance comprehensive and effective responses to sea level rise.

Thank you.
