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Agenda item 79

Diplomatic protection

Oral report of the Chairman of the Working Group,

Mr. Thembile **Joyini** (South Africa)

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to present the report of the Working Group on Diplomatic Protection for this year's session.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/113 of 16 December 2013, the Sixth Committee decided, at its 1st meeting, on 3 October 2016, to establish a working group to further examine, in the light of the written comments of Governments, as well as views expressed in the debates held at the sixty-second, sixty-fifth and sixty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly, the question of a convention on diplomatic protection, or any other appropriate action, on the basis of the articles on diplomatic protection and to also identify any difference of opinion on the articles. The Sixth Committee also decided to open the Working Group to all States members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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The Working Group had before it the written comments of Governments issued in the most recent report of the Secretary-General, contained in document A/71/93 and Corr.1.

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