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*AGENDA ITEM 81: REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW
COMMISSION ON ITS WORK AT ITS SIXTY-NINTH SESSION*

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Since this is the first time that my delegation is taking the floor in the Committee, let me at the outset congratulate you, Mr Chairman, and other members of the Bureau on your election. We appreciate the excellent manner in which you are steering the business of the Committee. I wish to pledge my delegation's cooperation and support.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman for giving me the floor to make some remarks on agenda item 81.

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My delegation wishes join other delegations in expressing our appreciation to Mr Georg Nolte, Chairperson of the Commission for the excellent presentation of the Report to this Committee on all the three clusters. Furthermore, we would like to thank the Commission for the report contained in document A/72/10 which contains the thorough details of the work of the Commission at its sixty-ninth session.

Since my delegation did not have an opportunity to make comments during the consideration of each cluster, I would like to touch briefly on some of the topics across the clusters. My comments will be on Crimes against humanity, Immunity of state officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction, Other decisions and conclusions of the Commission.

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My delegation wishes to express its appreciation to the Commission for the work and its contribution in the codification and progressive development of International Law. Malawi values the exchanges that Member States have with the Commission within the Sixth Committee and in that regard we welcome the invitation to participate in the commemoration of the 70 years of the ILC's existence next year.

On the draft articles on Crimes against humanity, my delegation takes note of the articles and expresses appreciation to the Special Rapporteur for the work on this topic. My delegation wishes to urge

In that regard, Malawi wishes to urge the Commission to choose topics that will help settle some contemporary issues in international law. The work load of the Commission continues to grow and therefore it should direct its resources to those topics that merit its consideration.

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In conclusion, my delegation takes note of the reminder by the Chairperson of the Commission for States to provide by 15 January 2018, written comments on the topics - Protection of the atmosphere, provisional application of treaties, and . Be assured that Malawi will do so.

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