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**The UN @ 75: International Law and the Future We Want**  
**International Law Day**

**Statement of the Chair of the Sixth Committee**  
**H.E. Mr. Milenko E. Skoknic Tapia**

Distinguished guests  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all today in my capacity as Chairperson of the Sixth Committee of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly to this auspicious International Law Day Event, *The United Nations at 75: International Law and the Future We Want*.

We meet today virtually to observe the longstanding tradition of the Sixth Committee to hold in the end of October at the beginning of its debate on the report of the International Law Commission an “International Law Week”.

Under normal circumstances, International Law Week brings together the





We have a rich programme today. Our distinguished panellists will speak to the multifaceted dimensions of the United Nations' role in promoting international law and securing the future we want.

We begin with a video recording of

His Excellency Mr. Volkan Bozkır, President of the General Assembly, who has to attend to another event as we gather here.

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I thank the President of the General Assembly for the important message.

At this moment, it gives me great honour to give the floor to ...

His Excellency Judge Abdulqawi A. Yusuf, President of the International Court of Justice

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Her Excellency Ms Michelle Bachelet Jeria, the United United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Professor. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Professor of International Law, University of Geneva

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Professor Patrícia Galvão Teles, Professor of International Law, Autonomous University of Lisbon

His Excellency Ambassador Mahmoud D. Hmoud , Chair-designate for the seventy-second session of the International Law Commission

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His Excellency, Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel

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The Legal Counsel was the last speaker for this morning. We still have some minutes before we conclude. I invite the comments and observations from our participants.

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We now come to the end of our programme and this event. It has been an