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Adaptation efforts and disaster risk reduction measures can only partially address the threat of sea level rise. The issue requires international legal solutions that can provide the necessary stability and certainty to impacted states.



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established baselines and the associated maritime entitlements. We look forward to the ILC's continued work on this critical matter.

7. The ILC Report has asked for more evidence of state practice and *opinio juris* related to maritime entitlements. The Maldives agrees with the First Issues Paper that there is a trend in state practice suggesting that baselines are fixed and we encourage other states to support the work of the ILC as it examines the practice of states from various regions. Wherever possible, states should provide the ILC with examples of practice related to baselines and navigational charts.

In closing, Madam Chair,

8. I want to thank the Commission for its continued work on the legal issues related to sea level rise. These issues closely affect the Maldives and the findings of the Commission will be significant for our country. The Maldives remains firmly committed to working closely with the Study Group as they continue to address these difficult, but crucial questions.

I thank you.