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Chair,

My delegation has the honour to deliver this statement on the agenda item: of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-fourth session. My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Sierra Leone on behalf of the African Group.

I take this opportunity to welcome Members of the Commission and Legal Advisers from capitals to this year International Law Week in New York, we appreciate the opportunity for optimal extensive engagement between the Sixth Committee and Members of the Commission, following a very rich tradition to actualize the symbiosis between the ILC and Member States in the Sixth Committee.

At the outset, let me to pay a special tribute to the Chairs of the Commission of the 74<sup>th</sup> session, Professor Patricia Galvao Teles and Professor Nilufer Oral for conducting the work of the Commission, as well as for introducing the report on the work of the Commission. My delegation is also pleased to celebrate the election of the first African female member, Professor Phoebe Okowa and wish her all the best during her tenure in the commission.

I congratulate the Commission on the progress made on several items as detailed in the report. We appreciate the efforts of the Codification Division of the Office of the Legal Affairs, acting in the capacity as the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee and the Commission, for the extended briefing in September to the Sixth Committee, covering among other things, the report of the Commission on the work of its 74<sup>th</sup> session.

Allow me chair to also appreciate the special rapporteurs of the ILC topics for the tremendous work done on the topics.

Chair,

Efforts must be redoubled in order to draw

evaluation of national legal systems being undertaken. Those elements should include the practices of African States, which far too often, are not necessarily considered.

With Draft Conclusion 4 (Identification of general principles of law derived from national legal systems), which speaks to an uncontroversial category, we note, spells out the objective two-step process for identification of general principles of law derived from national legal systems, which we fully agree with. Under the two-step process, we note that, one must, first, identify the existence and content of a general principle of law derived from various legal systems of the world, and second, having ascertained the existence of a principle that is common to the various legal systems of the world, engage in an assessment whether it is capable of being applied to the international legal system.

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On another note, my delegation would also like to thank the international law commission for engaging the participants of the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the international law seminar in July which Uganda participated in, the seminar provided participants with key knowledge on the current Programme of work.

Furthermore, we must strive for inclusivity within international law education. The diversity of voices and experiences is a strength that must be harnessed. It is crucial to ensure that underrepresented groups are given the opportunity to enter and excel in the field of international law.

By fostering an inclusive environment, we can collectively work towards a more equitable and just international legal system. International law serves as the bedrock for the peaceful coexistence of nations and the protection of human rights. The current topics in the work were of keen interest for all the participants and the presentations prepared will form the future work of the international law commission.

In conclusion, Uganda wishes to thank the Commission and the Secretariat for their tireless work, particularly in ensuring the meetings of the Commission were held using the in-person format and the plenaries webcasted, thereby increasing accessibility to the work of the Commission. Uganda assures the Commission of its unwavering support.

I thank you.