

Mr./Mme. Chair,

I have the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of the five Nordic countries: Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. All of these countries are parties to the 1978 European Convention on Human Rights.

Let me start by thanking the Special Rapporteur, Mr. August Reinisch, for his interesting and well-researched first report on this topic which is of great practical relevance to both States and international organizations.

The Nordic countries agree with the Special Rapporteur's findings in which they are parties. We

this early stage, to enable the Commission to address all relevant public international law aspects of disputes involving international organizations.

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that the Special Rapporteur has suggested a slightly modified definition, compared to the
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international organizations. In the interest of consistency, the Nordic countries would see
merit in proceeding with the previous definition, with room for further elaboration in the
commentaries as regards certain aspects identified by the Rapporteur.

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be good points of departure.

In closing, allow me to reiterate our deep appreciation to the Commission for the progress
already made on this topic and to thank the Special Rapporteur once again for his excellent
work so far. We look forward to the continued collaboration with the Commission on this
topic.

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I will now turn to Chapter VI of the ILC report, concerning the prevention and

We urge the Commission to also take into account relevant practice, recommendations and guidance provided by the International Maritime Organisation and the UNODC, including through its Global Maritime Crime Programme, on preventing and suppressing piracy and armed robbery at sea.

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We urge all member states of the United Nations, particularly in those regions where piracy and armed robbery at sea are most rampant, to criminalize piracy and armed robbery at sea under their domestic laws. Also, we urge states to investigate, prosecute and extradite in accordance with applicable international law, including international human rights law, perpetrators of piracy and armed robbery at sea, as well as those who incite, finance or intentionally facilitate such crimes.

In closing, the Nordic countries would like to reiterate our concern over the threat that piracy and armed robbery at sea pose to the global economy and safety of seafarers, including through the human cost of them being taken hostage or kidnapped, as well as over the violence employed by pirates and persons who engage in piracy and armed robbery at sea. The Commission's work on this topic is therefore of utmost importance.

Thank you.