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In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

that deals

the progressive development of international law in which the state practice is still limited.

Second, legally speaking, a state has not only the right to expel aliens on its territory who pose a threat to its national security or public order but also the right to determine the components of those two concepts on the basis of its national laws and prevailing circumstances. It is therefore unnecessary to draw up an exhaustive list of grounds that might be invoked to justify the expulsion of aliens, nor do states have an obligation in all cases to specify the grounds for expulsion. This is certainly without prejudice to the established legal fact that expulsion must be conducted with due respect for the fundamental human rights of the person being expelled who must be protected against any inhuman and degrading treatment, including during pre-expulsion detention. The property rights of all persons subject to expulsion must also be respected and guaranteed by the authorities of the expelling State.

Third, with respect to appeal against expulsion, it is noteworthy that many national laws make no provision for such appeals, and there is serious doubt about the existence of customary rules in that area. The right of return to the expelling State cannot be recognized in the case of aliens who had been on its territory unlawfully prior to the expulsion. Granting such a right would imply recognition of an acquired right of residence in the territory of a foreign State, something unknown in State practice. The Commission,

could serve as a guideline in inter-state cooperation and national legislative measures regarding expulsion of aliens, and it does not seem to be ripe enough for the General Assembly to engage in a codification exercise over the matter since the national and regional jurisprudence regarding expulsion of aliens is still evolving.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.