The escalation of global challenges and conflicts, coupled with the expanding influence of international organizations, underscores the growing importance of the settlement of disputes to which International Organizations are parties. In this context, we express our appreciation for the Commission's work on this topic.

Regarding the Guideline 1, my Delegation is aware of the challenges of distinguishing, in practice, between disputes arising under international law and disputes under national law, as well as between disputes of a private law nature and disputes of a public law nature, particularly in the view of the potential for a dispute to evolve or to be transformed. My Delegation believes that clear and precise definitions are necessary to ensure the proper application of the guidelines and the effectiveness of the dispute settlement mechanisms.

We welcome the Commission's approach of basing its guidelines and recommendations on the existing practice of international organizations in the settlement of their disputes. Indeed, this approach is the most conducive to achieving consensus on this issue.

My Delegation notes that the Commission currently favors the adoption of guidelines rather that of

and has been active in international affairs, concluding treaties and sending representatives to other sovereigns. The Holy See was in fact active far before most current States came into being. Moreover, the Holy See participates in the international community on equal basis with all other States. The Holy See is in fact an Observer State at the UN, a State party to the Vienna Convention on Law of Treaties and to the Vienna Convention on International Relations, which are open only to ratification by States, and a Member State of the International Atomic Energy Agency and of many other international organization. It enjoys sovereign immunity, as all States do. Therefore, at the international level, the Holy See is recognized as a *State*, not as a "sui generis" subject of international law. Consequently, we request that the ILC issue a correction of this part of its Report.

Mr. Chair,

My Delegation welcomes the Commission's work on the prevention and repression of piracy