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MR. NARINDER SINGH**

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Today the Sixth Committee has completed its debate on the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session.

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all delegations who participated actively in the debate whether formerly or informally. The statements made on the various chapters of the report are valuable to the work of the Commission. The views expressed whether orally and in writing form part and parcel of the Commission working methods. As you are aware the Commission relies on the Sixth Committee and the views and comments of Governments on the general orientations of its work and on the numerous specific topics on its agenda.

In the course of my statements, I alluded to particular aspects where the views and comments of governments are particularly welcome. I once again draw attention to Chapter III of the report which refers to these issues per topic. I would also wish to renew the request made to Governments by the Commission to submit to the Secretary-General their comments and observations on the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters adopted on first

reading by 1 January 2016. These comments will provide an invaluable assistance to the Commission for the second reading of these draft articles.

It is not for me to respond to each and every aspect of the rich and diverse debate that we have just had on the Commission report. I can only assure you though that the Commission, as a collective body, will take into account each one of these comments and observations, as it advances further in its work. The Secretariat will not only prepare a topical summary of the debate that will be submitted for the attention of the Commission, but also copies of the various statements are made available to members.

For me, it was a great honour and privilege to represent the Commission last week and this week. I wish to convey my personal thanks for the warm welcome I have received and for your active participation to this fruitful debate.

Let me once more take this opportunity to express the appreciation and gratitude of the International Law Commission to the Sixth Committee, and to renew its commitment to the progressive development of international law and its codification. Thank you Mr. Chairman.