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**STATEMENT**

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**TURKEY**

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Mr. Chairman,

The International Law Commission continues to play an important role in the development and codification of international law and Turkey would like to take this opportunity to commend the Commission for its work during its 67<sup>th</sup> session, which is reflected in its report, and the progress achieved in many topics. My delegation would like to thank the Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Narender Singh, for his useful presentation of the first part of the Commission's report. We would also like to thank the rapporteurs for their contributions to the work of the Commission.

Mr. Chairman,

Taking this opportunity, let me say a few words on the chapter XII. of the report concerning **"other decisions and conclusions of the Commission"**.

Turkey commends the Commission for its careful consideration of its programme of work and its constant care for improving its working methods. In this context, we believe that interaction Sixth Committee delegates and the members of the International Law Commission during the inter-sessional period, greatly contributes to the dialogue between Member States and the ILC on its work. We also welcome the establishment of the new website of the Commission which will allow further dissemination of its work and activities to the wider public.

Mr. Chairman,

Turkey notes that the Commission decided to include the topic **"jus cogens"** in its programme of work and to appoint Mr. Dire Tladi as Special Rapporteur.

We thank Mr. Tladi for the clear and concise syllabus provided on the issue, annexed to the report of the last session which presented an overview of the matter. My delegation does not consider that there is a need emanating from States with regard to the progressive development and codification of jus cogens. As noted in the syllabus, the Commission previously considered addressing the issue and finally decided not to do so, expressing doubt about whether it would serve a useful purpose at that stage, since practice was insufficient. We believe the situation is not that different today. Therefore, before the Commission starts working on the issue, we would welcome, further explanations on how the examination of the topic would impact its development. We accordingly would urge a prudent approach on the issue by the Commission.

Thank you.