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Statement by
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Expulsion of Aliens

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Mr. Chairman,

The expulsion of aliens is, in Portugal's perspective, a subject of great practical relevance, given the implications it raises in terms of fundamental rights as well as due to its potential impact in the relations between States.

As we have stated before, Portugal considers that the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission are a good framework for the protection and respect of individual rights in situations of expulsion.

We also consider that the work of the Commission managed to strike a balance between the rights of the individuals concerned and the sovereignty of a State over its territory.

Mr. Chairman,

Portugal believes that, for the time being, the draft articles are and should remain an overview of already existing legal norms and that they provide a general guide of law on the expulsion of aliens.

For that reason, Portugal believes that this topic should be included in the provisional agenda of the 74th Session, in 2019. The Sixth Committee could then better assess the influence of the articles on state practice.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.