



The Permanent Missions of Sweden and Austria to the United Nations  
cordially invite you to the annual

### **Interactive Dialogue**

**between the Sixth Committee and the International Law Commission**

**30 October 2019, 4.30 pm – 6 pm**

Trusteeship Council Chamber

With the presence of the following Members of the ILC:

**Mr. Sean D. Murphy: *Crimes against humanity***

**Ms. Marja Lehto: *Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts***

**Ms. Nilüfer Oral: *Sea-level rise in relation to international law***

Moderated by **Ambassador Carl Magnus Nesser, Director-General for Legal Affairs of the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs**

The interactive dialogue aims to provide a platform for an informal exchange and discussions between Members of the ILC and the 6<sup>th</sup> Committee, including visiting Legal Advisers from capitals. Members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions and make comments on the work of the ILC.

This year discussions will focus on the following topics:

**Crimes against humanity:**

This year, the Commission adopted on second reading, the entire set of draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, comprising a draft preamble, 15 draft articles and a draft annex, together with commentaries thereto. The Commission recommended the elaboration of a convention by the General Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the draft articles.

**Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts:**

The Commission had before it the second report of the Special Rapporteur, which discussed questions related to the protection of the environment in non-international armed conflicts, and matters related to responsibility and liability for environmental damage. As a result of the topics at the present session, the Commission adopted, on first reading, 28 draft principles, together with commentaries thereto, on protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts. The Commission decided, to transmit the draft principles through the Secretary-General, to Governments, international organizations and others, for comments and observations by 1 December 2020.

**Sea-level rise:**

The Commission decided to include the topic in its programme of work and established a Study Group, to be co-chaired, on a rotating basis, by Ms. Nilüfer Oral, Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, Mr. Yacouba Cissé, Ms. Patrícia Galvão Teles and Mr. Juan José Ruda Santolaria. The Study Group held one meeting, at which time it agreed on its composition, methods and programme of work, based on the three subtopics identified in the syllabus.

There will also be an opportunity for member states to discuss new and future topics on the programme of work of the Commission.

*We look forward to an interactive discussion!*