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*The Permanent Missions of Côte d'Ivoire, Peru, Portugal, Romania and Turkey
cordially invite you to a:*

**Virtual Question and Answer Session with the Members of the Study Group on
Sea-Level Rise of the International Law Commission**

Date & Time: 1 November 2021 / 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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At its seventy-first session (2019), the Commission decided to include the topic “sea-level rise in relation to international law” in its programme of work. The Commission also decided to establish an open-ended Study Group on the topic, to be co-chaired, on a rotating basis, by Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, Mr. Yacouba Cissé, Ms. Patrícia Galvão Teles, Ms. Nilüfer Oral and Mr. Juan José Ruda Santolaria. The Commission further took note of the joint oral report of the Co-Chairs of the Study Group.

The Commission held the first session of the open-ended Study Group on sea-level rise in relation to international law, chaired by the two Co-Chairs on issues related to the law of the sea, namely Mr. Bogdan Aurescu and Ms. Nilüfer Oral during the seventy-second session of the Commission held in hybrid format in Geneva. The Study Group held eight meetings, from 1 to 4 June and on 6, 7, 8 and 19 July 2021. The basis of the discussions of the Study Group were the first issues paper on the topic (A/CN.4/740 and Corr.1) published in 2020 and a presentation given by Co-Chair Mr. Cissé on the practice of African States regarding maritime delimitation. These discussions of the open-ended Study Group are reflected in Chapter IX of the Annual Report of the Commission.

With regard to the future programme of work, the Study Group will address issues related to statehood and to the protection of persons affected by sea-level rise, under the co-chairpersonship of Ms. Patrícia Galvão Teles and Mr. Juan José Ruda Santolaria, who will prepare a second issues paper as a basis for the discussion in the Study Group at the Commission’s seventy-third session.

This event, designed for an open dialogue with Sixth Committee representatives and legal advisors in capitals, will be based on questions and answers, without presentations from the members of the International Law Commission.

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