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Thank you, Chair.

The Committee has undertaken at this session to reexamine the issue of the Commission's Draft articles on the expulsion of aliens.

The United States continues to question the wisdom and utility of seeking to augment in this manner well-settled rules of law that exist in broadly ratified human rights and refugee conventions, which already provide the legal basis for achieving the key objectives of these draft articles. Furthermore, we believe that key aspects of the draft articles risk generating confusion with respect to existing rules of law by combining in the same provision elements from existing rules with elements that reflect proposals for progressive development of the law. Accordingly, we do not believe that it is appropriate to pursue elaboration of a convention based on the draft articles.