

**Comments and observations by the United Arab Emirates on the draft Articles on  
Diplomatic Protection**

The United Arab Emirates has the honour to refer to the Office of Legal Affairs' circular LA/COD/38, dated 10 January 2023, and welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the agenda item "Diplomatic Protection".

The United Arab Emirates commends the International Law Commission for its work on this important topic, which is integral to the protection of the rights of individuals and legal persons under international law. Several draft articles adopted by the Commission valuably articulate and clarify the customary law on diplomatic protection and, to that extent, guide its effective exercise.

At the same time, certain draft articles exceed the scope of customary international law and reflect an exercise in progressive development. In this regard, the United Arab Emirates also notes the disagreement among States on such articles, as expressed in their comments to the International Law Commission as well as in Sixth Committee discussions. The United Arab Emirates sees the value of continuing work on this topic to reconcile differences and to build consensus among States, including potentially through efforts towards the elaboration of a convention.

The United Arab Emirates looks forward to engaging further on this agenda item.

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