

Statement by Türkiye before the Sixth Committee: Agenda Item 82 / Diplomatic Protection

Madam/Mr Chair,

At the outset we would like to thank the Secretary General for the report on diplomatic protection A/80/280 containing the comments and information received from the Governments.

The Assembly has had this item on the agenda triennially since its sixty-second session. The diverging views between the States were reflected in the written comments by States as well as in the debates before the Committee. In this regard we have taken note of the various views expressed in the Secretary-General's most recent report.

Madam/Mr Chair,

Türkiye wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the International Law Commission for its contributions to international law. As regards the work on the topic of diplomatic protection, Türkiye noted the previous exchange of views as to overcome the challenges encountered and identifying any difference of opinion on the articles.

Like others, Türkiye considers that the fate of the articles on diplomatic protection is closely linked to the fate of the draft articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts.

The close link between the articles was also acknowledged in the commentaries of the diplomatic protection.

Due to this close link between these two topics, this delegation believes it is premature to discuss the articles related to diplomatic protection.

In view of differences among the Member States on the future of the draft articles and of the importance of reaching any decision on the basis of consensus, this delegation expresses its preference to continue the discussions at a later session.

Thank you.