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Mr/Madam Chairperson

1. I would like to start by thanking the Chair of the Drafting Committee, Mr. Mahmoud Hmoud and the Director of the Codification Division, Mr. Huw Llewellyn for their welcomed updates.
2. The Government of the United Kingdom, would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the members of the International Law Commission for their continuing efforts, and in particular, to the Secretariat for steering the work of the ILC through the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank the Secretariat for its ongoing engagement with States on how best to move things forward under these unprecedented circumstances.

Mr/Madam Chairperson

3. The UK is proud to have been closely involved in the founding of the United Nations, and indeed to have hosted the first meeting of the General Assembly in London in January 1946. At the moment of the UN's