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Poland's statement on General Provisions**

*Madam Chair, Your Excellences, Distinguished Delegates,*

Poland fully aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. In general Poland supports the inclusion of the five Articles in Chapter I on general provisions. However, definitions need to be discussed carefully and often in parallel with the work on main substantive articles. We need to provide as much as possible consistency with the language and substance of the existing international legal instruments, including regional ones. We shall also take into consideration that many of the provisions proposed here are often well regulated and put in practice in numerous national legislations. The scope of the future convention shall not to attempt to overregulate unnecessary elements as well as not to duplicate international instruments already in force.

In the view of Poland, it is necessary that the future convention will ensure a high level of protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Therefore, Poland would like to see direct references to already existing instruments of international law in the field of human rights, in particular to the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Such references shall be reflected in specific provisions of the other chapters of the future convention.

*Thank you Madam Chair.*