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Madam Chair,

*Romania fully aligns with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and would like to add the following remarks in its national capacity.*

they have undertaken, thereby strengthening the international legal framework. However, we think that this fails to take into account the important role of the ICJ in the legal order created by those obligations. The ICJ plays an essential part in ensuring the application of the treaties in question without which the substantive obligations would be reduced to empty words, as well as in providing a platform where State can raise concrete cases of non-compliance.

There are many other compelling reasons for accepting the Court’s jurisdiction as a mechanism for dispute settlement:

- a) The Court has a vast expertise in dispute settlements and a comprehensive jurisprudence on various areas of international law;
- b) The jurisdiction of the Court in contentious cases is based on the consent of the States, enabling the Court to settle disputes between States peacefully, through authoritative judgments, and it

~~(c) The ICJ is the only international court with compulsory jurisdiction over all States and it is the only international court with the power to issue binding judgments on all States.~~