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STATEMENT
by the Representative of the Russian Federation in the Sixth Committee of the
68th Session of the UN General Assembly on Agenda item:
Diplomatic Protection

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Mr. Chair,

The Delegation of the Russian Federation pays a lot of attention to the work of the UN International Law Commission on this topic finalized by the adoption of Articles on diplomatic protection. The document managed to reach the best possible correlation of the elements of codification of the existing practice of States in this area and progressive development of the international law.

The draft Articles play an important role in clarifying and developing the norms of customary international law relating to the protection by a State of its citizens and legal entities, as well as refugees and stateless persons, from wrongful acts of another state. At the same time the draft articles have a balanced character and give a satisfactory response on a number of questions associated with diplomatic protection, in particular, the definition and sphere of application of

diplomatic protection; the right of States to exercise it; citizenship of persons subject to diplomatic protection; and protection of corporations.

On the whole, the draft articles on diplomatic protection, naturally being an independent document, successfully supplement the draft articles on responsibility of states for internationally wrongful acts. We believe that this document can serve as a basis for elaborating an international convention on diplomatic protection. We are prepared also to examine other ways to make these articles legally binding, also in the context of discussing the "destiny" of the Articles on responsibility of States.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.