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Statement

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Mr. Chairman,

I wish to commence my remarks by thanking the Secretary General for his three reports on this agenda item.

I would also like to join other delegates in commending again the International Law Commission for the 2001 conclusion of its work on the draft articles of Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts.

Since that time, the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly has continuously discussed the draft articles, particularly regarding its future.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia welcomes this sustained discussion of the draft articles in the Sixth Committee. We believe further deliberation is always helpful in ensuring the draft articles reflect actual States' practices on the subject of responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts.

Indonesia wishes to recall the last year Declaration of the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels, which re-emphasized the importance of the rule of law as an indispensable foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and just world.

In this respect, Indonesia has remained true to its conviction that upholding rule of law does not only reflect our solemn commitment to the United Nations Charter, but also ensures the legitimacy of multilateralism.

Indonesia is also convinced that the subject of responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts will make an important contribution to extending our commitment to the rule of law. At the very least, that

subject is instrumental to help governing relations between States, particularly with respect to the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Given this point of departure, my delegation is of the view that it is important to continue discussion on the prospect of further developing the draft articles into an international convention, through the convening of a diplomatic conference.

Such a conference will offer an equal opportunity for States to present their views of the subject in a more exhausting manner, and to engage other States in deep and comprehensive examination of the matter.

This kind of activity strengthens ownership and participation of States in the global decision-making process. It also offers a good platform for fruitful discussion of the subject, which, in time, is certain to enrich the progressive development of international law.

I thank you.