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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: Responsibility of
States for internationally wrongful acts**

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Mr. Chair,

The Russian Federation once again emphasizes the importance of Articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts adopted by the International Law Commission in 2001. The updated compilation of decisions by international courts and tribunals in the report of the Secretary-General confirms that these articles are being actively applied in practice as the norms of international customary law and significantly contribute to the work of international judicial bodies.

As we repeatedly stated earlier the Articles on the whole represent a well-thought and balanced document, despite some provisions that require additional elaboration (Articles 25 and 41, in particular).

Therefore, we believe that Articles on responsibility of States are a good basis for further work. Since the goal of the International Law Commission is to promote progressive development and codification of international law, and also in view of the fact that the UN General Assembly in its resolutions repeatedly called the attention of states to this document, we think it possible to examine the issue of drafting a convention on responsibility of States. In this connection we support the idea of holding an international conference to elaborate a legally binding convention on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.