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STATEMENT

on

Agenda Item 87: Responsibility of International Organisations

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To the United Nations

I thank you Mr. Chairman,

With respect to the draft articles on the responsibility of international organizations, my delegation has on many occasions welcomed and commended the work of the Special Rapporteur and of the International Law Commission in drafting a set of articles and commentaries thereon, on the responsibility of international organizations and their members.

We believe that these articles will provide useful guidance to national and international courts when dealing with claims on internationally wrongful acts committed by such organizations. We wish to reiterate however, that, in our view, many of these articles, given the scant availability of pertinent practice, move mainly in the direction of progressive development, rather than codification of international law. This being so we wish to emphasize once again that the draft articles should not be seen as having yet acquired the same authority as the corresponding articles on State responsibility, which in our view reflect existing customary international law. In this respect, we agree with those who think that the General Assembly should take note of the draft articles on the responsibility of international organizations, but at this stage and given the need to revisit these article in the future in view of new developments, we would be quite hesitant to go along with the idea of the elaboration of a convention incorporating the said articles.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.