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Mr. Chairperson,

Israel wishes to express its appreciation to the International Law Commission for its work on the *Draft Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations*, and would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for his valuable Reports.

The position of Israel on this topic has not changed since the Sixth Committee last considered it in 2017 at its 72nd session. While Israel shares the desire, echoed by other States, for the development of the field of responsibility of international organizations organically, Israel is of the view that the current Draft Articles raise serious concerns that require careful consideration before any further action is taken by the General Assembly.

Israel welcomes the latest Report of the Special Rapporteur, which includes a compilation of decisions of international courts and tribunals that referred to the Draft Articles. However, as Israel has previously noted, decisions of such bodies may only serve as a subsidiary means for the identification of customary international law. Moreover, the decisions cited by the Special Rapporteur in his Report do not, in our view, reflect established customary international law.

Israel similarly shares the concern, raised by other States and international organizations, that many of the Draft Articles remain controversial and unsupported by sufficient State practice.

In view of the above, Israel's position is that the time is not ripe to consider a draft convention, and that no further action should be taken at this stage by the General Assembly with respect to the Draft Articles.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson.