

**Submission from the United States to the International Law Commission on the  
International Law Commission's (ILC)  
Draft Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations  
(annexed to General Assembly Resolution 66/100).**

The United States is grateful to the ILC for its work on this important topic. We nonetheless reiterate our view, expressed at several Sixth Committee meetings that it is not appropriate to take further action on the draft Articles. As previously indicated, we agree with the ILC's assessment that the provisions of the present draft Articles do not reflect the current law in this area to the same degree as the corresponding provisions on state responsibility. Several of the principles addressed in the draft articles – such as those addressing countermeasures and self-defense – are drawn from the draft articles on the responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts, but these principles clearly do not apply to international organizations in the same way that they apply to States. In addition, there are significant differences of opinion among States regarding the draft articles and how they should operate.

For these reasons, the United States maintains that the draft articles, while informative, are not a suitable basis for a convention. The draft articles should therefore remain in their current form. We respectfully propose that when this agenda item for responsibility of international organizations is again before the Sixth Committee (during its seventy-eighth session), the Sixth Committee should recommend closing the agenda item and should not include the item on future agendas.