

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation thanks the Secretary-General for his report on responsibility of international organizations contained in document A/78/135 and A/78/83.

Mr. Chairperson,

International organizations have a critical role in the state led and UN charter based multilateralism. The subject matter and geography where international organizations operate has increased. The human and financial interest is also in constant expansion. This we believe calls for a legal framework at the national, regional and international level with varying degrees of detail to prevent impunity.

We are of the view that, considering the dictates of international law on immunity of international organizations, there should also be a framework established to ensure accountability for abuse of immunity and conducts that fall outside the functional immunity of international organizations.

While we recognize the need to address accountability of international organizations, when applicable, we are also mindful of the possibility for its misapplication. Therefore, addressing the legal loophole must be guided by practical considerations, including the organizational functional independence of international organizations. We also believe state responsibility must be treated separate from responsibility of international organizations.

Mr. Chair,

As stipulated in the Secretary General's report, the limited references to the draft articles and scarcity of practice regarding its application, which makes it evident that further consultation and scrutiny are necessary. This Committee should therefore

continue to closely monitor this process and the developments therein. We also believe, the ILC should revisit the draft with the context of regional intergovernmental organizations and limited membership organizations in reference. We also believe the draft articles should be reviewed in a manner that properly separates responsibility of states from that of international organizations.

We also believe, considering the fact and principle that judicial power resides with national governments, the most conceivable legal framework at the international level is a framework instrument outlining substantive and procedural principles.

We look forward to constructively engage in the discussion of this agenda item.

I thank you