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STATEMENT

By the Delegation of Viet Nam
at the Sixth Committee of the 78th Session of the General Assembly
Agenda item 85 “Responsibility of international organizations”

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Mr. Chair,

1. My Delegation acknowledges the significance of the Draft Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations, a subject that has gained increasing importance both theoretically and practically in recent decades.

2. We note that the Draft Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations have been modeled after the Commission's earlier successful work, namely the Draft Articles on the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts. Nevertheless, despite both international organizations and States being subjects of international law, they should not be subjected to identical regulations due to their fundamentally distinct legal regimes. Furthermore, there exists a diverse array of international organizations that significantly vary in terms of their inherent characteristics, functions, and membership, among other factors. Consequently, there is a degree of uncertainty as to whether principles of State's responsibility, particularly in areas such as self-defense, countermeasures, or subsidiary and joint responsibility, can be directly applied to international organizations.

Mr. Chair,

3. While certain articles may give rise to ambiguity and controversy, we welcome the general approach of the Commission aimed at creating a coherent system of responsibility for both States and international organizations. Responsibility, as delineated herein, can serve as an important aspect of enhanced accountability of international organizations.

4. Therefore, Viet Nam is of the view that the inclusion of this item on the agenda of the Sixth Committee should be maintained. We urge the General-Secretariat to persist in the endeavor to keep abreast of the developing viewpoints and practices related to the responsibility of international organizations, as well as the reference and application of the Draft Articles by States and international organizations. This forms a crucial foundation for our ongoing deliberations and the subsequent phases of consideration for the Draft Articles.

I thank you, Mr. Chair./.