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My delegation would like to thank the Secretary-General for his reports and compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies as contained in documents A/71/80 and A/71/79.

In our view, State responsibility is the backbone of international law
and a cornerstone of the rule of international law in international relations; in a sense that without responsibility it would be difficult to talk about law. we commend the outstanding work done by the International

of customary international law. To name a few, I would like to refer

Turning to the future action on proposed articles on state responsibility and to consider the final form of these articles by General Assembly, we maintain that the rules of state responsibility should be clear enough and known to all subjects of international law. The only way to realize this, is to crystallize the draft articles in the form of a binding treaty. A well-elaborated convention on state responsibility could contribute to legal certainty and better application and consequently, promotion of international law. we are of the view that the time is ripe to convene a diplomatic conference to adopt an international convention on state responsibility. it would provide an opportunity for Member States to negotiate a legally binding instrument on the basis of the ILC's Draft Articles. Furthermore, we maintain that it would be imperative to devise a dispute settlement mechanism for the future convention. Such a mechanism could bring certainty and predictability in application of its provisions and preclude any abuse in form of excessive and unjustified invocation of counter measures against other countries.

We stand ready to engage actively m the working group on responsibility of states.

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