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We thank the Special Rapporteur (SR), Mr. Pavel Sturma, for his fifth report and as for his dedication to this complex, yet controversial issue of succession of States in respect of State responsibility. We are grateful for his flexibility and consideration for the views expressed in this Committee by national delegations, as reflected both in his report and in the report of the Commission on this matter. We also commend the work of the International Law Commission (ILC) in preparing the structure and content of the chapter dedicated to this issue.

We note that the ILC has adopted during its last session several draft guidelines and the respective commentaries. We are satisfied with the agreed outcome of the work dedicated to this topic, namely draft guidelines instead of draft articles, taking into consideration a number of arguments that were aptly developed by many delegations during discussions within the Sixth Committee and by the esteemed members of the ILC, during debates on this issue.

Applying the customary law on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts remains of paramount importance when dealing with the particular situation of State succession. From this perspective, we welcome the reliance on the 2001 Draft articles on State responsibility, in the commentaries to the reW*ⁿBT3f00092 0 62 72 reW*ⁿBTF1 12 TfiatBTF(h)-2(c)7(om)7(m)7(e)7(n)-20(t)7(a) reV

