Statement by Ms. Pham Thi Thu Huong, Representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam at the Sixth Committee of the 68th Session of the General Assembly on

Agenda Item 83 "Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm"

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, Viet Nam would like to thank the Secretary General for his reports A/68/94 on decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies and A/68/170 on comments and observations from governments on the consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss caused by such harm. The questions of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss are of major importance in the relations between States. In this regard, Viet Nam highly appreciates the work done by the International Law Commission, in particular the adoption of the draft articles on prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities, annexed to the GA resolution 62/68 and the adoption of principles on the allocation of loss arising out of hazardous activity other to prevent

examination of the draft articles and principles and their application in practice at both bilateral and regional levels. For the time being, Viet Nam welcomes further comments and information on relevant State practice relating prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss caused by such harm and wishes to discuss and work with other states in this regard.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.