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Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts

Report of the Working Group

Oral report by the Coordinator, Mr. Nikolas Stürchler (Switzerland)

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to present the report of the Working Group on the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts for this year's session.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/19 of 6 December 2010, the Sixth Committee decided, at its 2nd meeting, on 7 October 2013, to establish a working group to further examine, in the light of the written comments of Governments, as well as views expressed in the debates held at the sixty-second and sixty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly, the possibility of negotiating an international convention, or any other appropriate action, on the basis of the articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts. The Sixth Committee also decided to open the Working Group to all States members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

At the 14th meeting, held on 18 October 2013, I had the honour of being elected by the Sixth Committee to Chair the Working Group.

The Working Group had before it the written comments of Governments

wrongful acts, and once again defer a decision on the fate of the articles to a future

session.

The exchanges of views in the Working Group then formed the basis of

consultations on a possible draft resolution which I undertook outside of the context of

the Working Group, with the assistance of a number of delegations. I will elaborate

upon those contacts when I introduce the draft resolution for the present agenda

item.

Before concluding my statement, allow me to thank all delegations for their

constructive engagement and contribution to the work of the Working Group at this

year's session.

This concludes my oral report of the Working Group.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.