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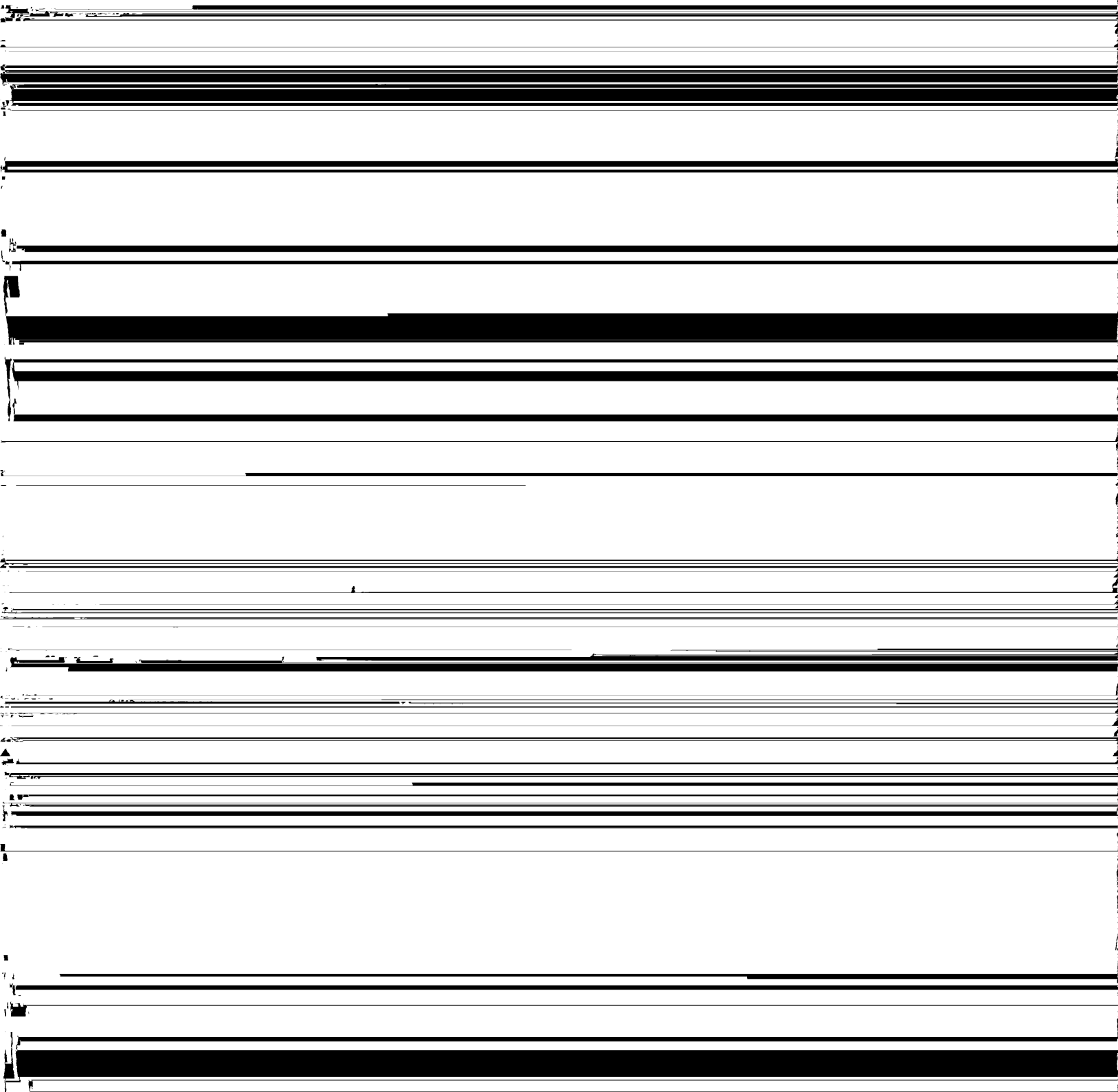
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Mr. Chairman,

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



*Our first observations concerns the organization of individual draft articles in various Parts. While the overall orientation of the draft articles as envisaged by the Special Rapporteur has been clearly explained, the draft articles, as they are emerging from his reports, are for the first time presented in one simple row, without being clearly organized in various Parts*

*with appropriate titles. This may create a risk of confusion as further articles have to be*

*expected. Should some sort of guidance be seen in Vienna conventions of 1978 and 1983, then draft articles 1 on Scope, draft article 2 on Use of terms, draft article 5 on Cases of succession of States covered by the present draft articles. and paragraph 1 of draft article 6*

incorporated another State). We agree with its content as reformulated by the Drafting Committee.

*Concerning the notion of "attribution", we are puzzled by the debate which took place in the Drafting Committee, as referred to in the Provisional report of its Chairman. We consider*

Finally, one additional comment on paragraph 4 of draft article 6: we consider it important to include an "umbrella" provision of this kind which reflects the philosophy guiding the present exercise and at the same time indicates that this general rule will be further specified in the provisions to follow. Such provisions - and here I refer to our remarks from the last year - should more substantively revolve around specific forms of reparation, *i.e.* restitution, ~~reparation and satisfaction~~ instead of summarily addressing "responsibility" in general

~~12~~ *Tip: should clarify how would provisions of Articles on Responsibility of States*

community concerned. These issues should be further resolved on the basis of existing law and