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*Mr. Chairman,*

### **Succession of States in respect of State responsibility**

Poland would like to thank you for your third report prepared in your capacity of the Special Rapporteur for the topic *Succession of States in respect of State responsibility*. We take note of the draft articles proposed in this report. We would also like to thank the Secretariat for its memorandum containing information on treaties which might be of relevance for the future work of the Commission on the topic.

As we stated on several occasions, my delegation is of the view that the examples of succession of states in respect of state responsibility are to large extent context-specific. Thus we agreed with the Special Rapporteur on the subsidiary nature of the work done by the Commission and on the priority to be given to agreements between the States concerned. Given that fact and taking into account that scarcity of state practice, we invite the Commission to reconsider whether draft articles should be the objective of this endeavor. There are examples from the past where the ILC pragmatically changed its attitude with respect to the final outcome and preferred, for example *final report* instead of draft articles.

*Mr. Chairman,*

### **General principles of law**

*General principles of law* In its last year *statement*

Thus, we would like to thank the Special Rapporteur Mr.

- *In the past, the Commission did important work on the other two sources listed in Article 38 of the ICJ Statute: treaties and customary international law. However, general principles of law, although more rarely used, are*

As a preliminary observation, we consider that international organization can contribute to the