

## STATEMENT

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Madam / Mr Chair,

I will address Chapters VII and VIII of the ILC Report, namely the topics “Succession of States in respect of State responsibility” and “General principles of law”.

Let me first turn to the topic of Succession of States in respect of State responsibility. At the outset, I would like to thank Special Rapporteur Professor Pavel Šturma for his fifth report and his work on this topic over the years. I would also like to commend the Commission for the provisional adoption of a few draft guidelines [6, 7bis, 10, 10bis, 11, 12, 13, 13bis, 14, 15 and 15bis] together with commentaries thereto.

Before addressing the guidelines,

anticipated by these guidelines. Instead, they merely refer to an agreement between the injured and wrongdoing States. Furthermore, while some of the draft guidelines refer to relevant circumstances that should be taken into consideration when assessing the situation, only a handful of these provide at least a general guidance on what kinds of circumstances should be considered relevant. Guidelines 11 and 14

Concluding our remarks on the topic, we generally agree with the approach adopted by the Commission. However, we believe that the work of the ILC should keep in mind the practical aspects of the work and the ultimate objective of this exercise – to provide sufficiently specific guidance to States. We believe that the outcome of the work on the topic would complement ILC's previous work on related topics.

Madame / Mr. Chair,

Moving to the topic of General principles of law, I would like to commend the diligence and efforts of the Special Rapporteur Mr. Marcelo Vázquez Bermúdez, whose third report the Commission considered in its recent session. Slovakia takes note of the provisionally adopted draft conclusion 3, 5 and 7 by the Commission before

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international community. We note that commentaries<sup>15</sup> have to clarify that the “intrinsic” element should reflect the “compatibility” element of general principles of law derived from