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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CUBA UNDER ITEM "THE
SUCCESSION OF STATES IN RESPECT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
THE STATE" AND "GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW"- CLUSTER III**

New York, November 5th, 2019

Mr. Chairman,

The question of the succession of States in respect of State responsibility is of utmost importance for the continuity of the work on the progressive codification of International Law.

In this regard, we appreciate the preparation of the Reports of the Special Rapporteur on the topic and commend the work carried out by the International

to clarify to what

or codification of International Law.

We advocate and urge that the consistency of the work of the Commission with the work already carried out be kept, in particular, with the articles on the responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts, both in terms of terminology and

substance.

Cuba views positively that some of the aspects presented in the first report of
reporteur Vázquez Bermúdez enjoy a common understanding among the experts

principles of law as a source of international law, the relationship of the general
principles of law with other sources of international law, especially customary law,
and the need to identify the general principles of law.

We take note of the common understanding of the Commission's experts in relation

Cuba reiterates that the so-called "responsibility to protect" continues to raise serious concerns to many countries, particularly small and developing countries, due to the lack of consensus and definitions on various elements of this concept, which has been and can continue to be easily manipulated for political purposes.

In this respect, it is inappropriate to delve further into the concept of "responsibility to protect" without there being a consensus on its scope, purposes and implications, which resolves differences of interpretation, guarantees its universal recognition and acceptance.

Mr. Chairman,

On the other hand, Cuba considers it necessary that in future reports the Commission should examine in greater depth the relationship between the general
which is sometimes described as