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> DRAFT REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION ON THE WORK OF ITS FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

> > Rapporteur: Mr. Igor Lukashuk

STATE RESPONSIBILITY

B. Consideration of the topic at the present session

 At its present session the Commission had before it the eighth report of the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Arangio-Ruiz. <u>1</u>/ The report dealt with problems relating to the regime of internationally wrongful acts singled out as "crimes" based on article 19 of Part One as well as some other issues to which he deemed it necessary to call the attention of the Commission. The Commission considered the report at its 2436th meeting on 5 June 1996.
At the 2438th meeting of the Commission on 7 June 1996, Mr. Arangio-Ruiz announced his resignation as Special Rapporteur.

3. The Drafting Committee completed the first reading of draft articles of Parts Two and Three on State responsibility. The Commission considered the Report of the Drafting Committee (document A/CN.4/L.524) at its 2452nd to 2459th meetings from (3 to 12 July 1996).

1/ A/CN.4/476 and A/CN.4/476/Add.1 and Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1.

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4. At its ... meeting, the International Law Commission decided, in accordance with articles 16 and 21 of its Statute, to transmit the draft articles set out in Section ... of the present chapter, through the Secretary-General, to Governments for comments and observations, with the request that such comments and observations be submitted to the Secretary-General by 1 January 1998.

C. Tribute to the Special Rapporteurs

5. At its 2459th meeting on 12 July 1996, the Commission [after adopting the text of the draft article on State responsibility] adopted the following resolution by acclamation:

"The International Law Commission,

<u>Having adopted</u> provisionally the draft articles on State responsibility,

<u>Wishes to express</u> its deep appreciation for the outstanding contribution the three Special Rapporteurs, Judge Ago, Messrs. Willem Riphagen and Arangio-Ruiz have made to the treatment of the topic through their scholarly research and vast experience, thus enabling the Commission to bring to a successful conclusion its first reading of the draft articles on State responsibility."
