



*The Permanent Mission of Portugal
to the United Nations*

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The Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and has the honor to inform that, regarding the International Law Commission's request for States to *"provide it with any relevant international agreements, national legislation or decisions of national courts related to succession in, or distribution of, rights and obligations arising from internationally wrongful acts of, or against, a predecessor State."*, Portugal welcomes the inclusion of this topic in the programme of work of the International Law Commission.

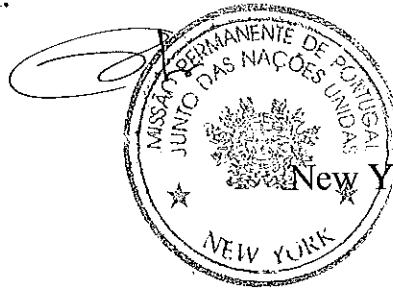
Portugal also reiterates its position that any conclusion on the effect of the succession of States in State responsibility can only be reached after a deep and comprehensive analysis on the law and practice of the succession of States.

Furthermore, in this way, and having in mind the context of the independence of the former Portuguese colonies in the 1970's, we have searched and analyzed the independence agreements with the (then) new states, the national legislation issued at the time and the decisions of the higher courts that may be related to the decolonization process. None of them addressed the specific issue of the succession or the distribution of rights and obligations arising from internationally wrongful acts of the predecessor State.



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The Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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