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Mr. Chairman,

"Reservations to Treaties" is a topic which the Commission has been discussing since 1995. We congratulate the Special Rapporteur, Professor Pellet, for the adoption of the "Guide to Practice on Reservations to Treaties", along with commentaries. Prof. Pellet submitted a total of 17 reports, beginning with his first report in 1995. The "Guide to Practice" is a very useful tool for government legal advisers as well as practitioners in resolving possible situations, and is based on an in-depth analysis of international practice and case law.

It contains very useful examples by way of elucidation. It is a very useful tool for government legal advisers as well as practitioners in resolving problems posed by reservations to treaties and interpretation of treaties.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to refer to the annex on the "reservations dialogue" as well as a recommendation on "reservations dialogue" as well as a recommendation on "reservations dialogue".

The Commission has set out nine 'conclusions' in the annex on the 'reservations dialogue', and recommended that States and international organizations can initiate and pursue such a reservations dialogue in a constructive and transparent manner. We support this proposal.

As regards the proposal for a Reservations Dialogue, we are willing to take this recommendation into account. We also support the suggestion to create a small group of experts within the Commission.

worth further examination. Things are a bit unclear in order to settle differences of view concerning reservations and provide States with technical assistance in formulating reservations. It is interesting to note that in any compulsory procedure in this regard would be

As regards the Observatories, different regional mechanisms like CAHO have been suggested in the States.

**Mr. Chair,**

In spite of the authority of the Special Rapporteur and her national he brought into play, the members of the Commission have not been able to examine of the various nuances involved in reaching a consensus within the Commission. Accordingly we accept these guidelines as a useful contribution to the process of international law as a guide to us in giving effect to our programs from a practical angle as they are not intended to be a guide to us in the V. Commission on Law.

**Mr. Chair,**

We congratulate and thank the Special Rapporteur for an excellent job done and are sure that the Commission will heavily draw on these guidelines to find answers to many difficult substantive and procedural issues concerning reservations to treaties and interpretative declarations.

Thank you.