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of identification of customary international law we welcome the elimination of the following express reference: "The practice need not be universal" in the draft conclusion 8. The needed degree of appropriate sufficiency is already expressed in the first phrase of paragraph 1.

As concerns the second element, the Czech Republic welcomes the draft conclusions 10 and 11 proposed by the Special Rapporteur in his second report on the topic and praises the clear and illustrative nature of the guidelines on the practical identification of *opinio iuris*.

The Czech Republic expresses it support for the topic of identification of the customary international norm and will continue to participate in future deliberations on this subject.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.