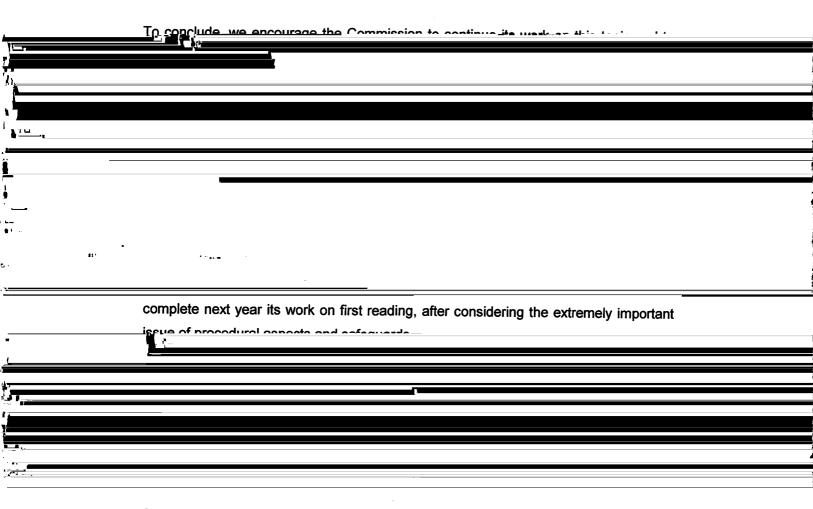


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-	fundamental values of a given society. To best serve the overall interests of the
	international community a careful balance has to be struck between State sovereignty
	and equality, the rights of individuals and the need to avoid impunity for serious crimes under international law.
	It is our conviction that, to strike this balance, the Commission has to identify the existing rules of International Law, but it has also – as it is foreseen in its mandate – to
	embark upon an exercise of progressive development.
	This progressive development has to take into account that immunities are an important tool for the conduct of ferries relatives to the conduct of
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applied within the context of the current evolution as far as fundamental human values



Thank you, Mr. Chairman.