



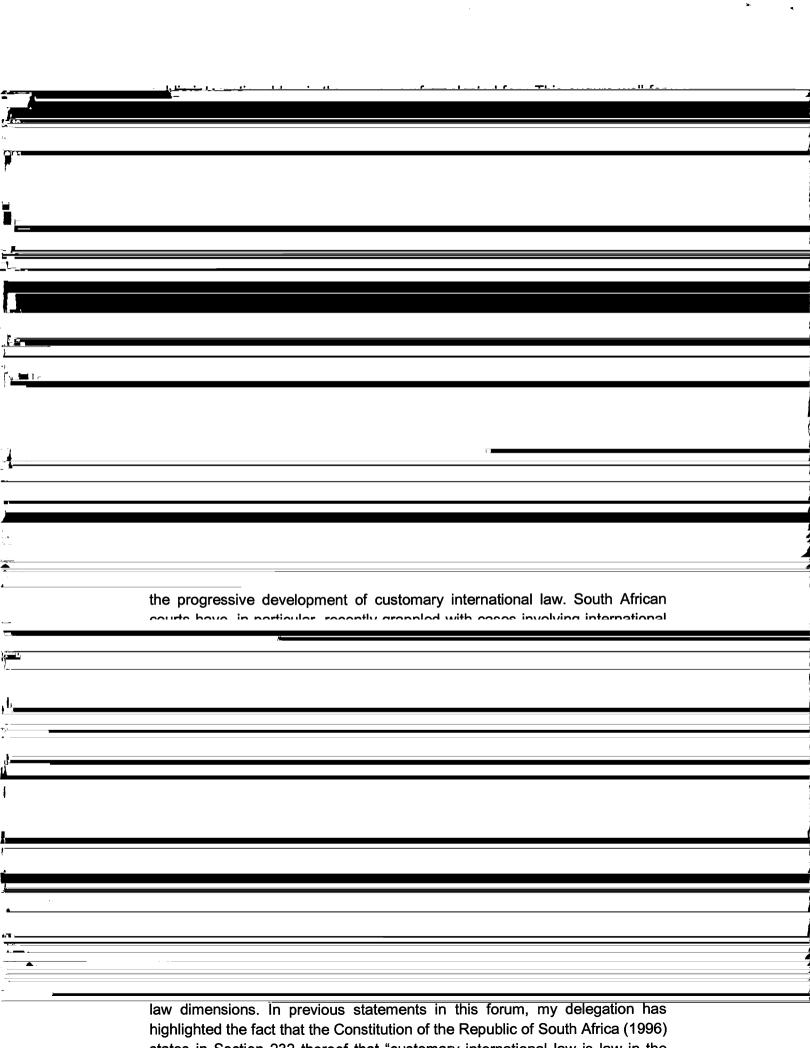
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reflection on the achievements of the Commission in the progressive development of international law and its codification in the past 70 years. Most importantly it also gave an opportunity to look ahead to the Commission's future and the important contribution that it has to make in the development of a rule based international legal order. The only disappointment, Mr Chairman, is the fact that after 70 years in existence, the composition of the Commission sadly lacks gender representativity with only seven women out of a membership of 34.

context and in light of its object and purpose remains paramount. We therefore see the Draft Conclusions not as new or competing rules, but as strictly as a useful tool in enhancing our understanding of Articles 31(3)(a) and (b) of the 1969 Vienna Convention. Subsequent agreements and subsequent should be done through the procedure prescribed by the treaty itself, or in accordance with the to customary law rules on treaty amendment.

Insofar as the Commentaries to the Draft Articles fail to make the distinction



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