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members of the Commission for the thoughtful way in which they are approaching this important topic.

5. We also thank the Commission's Secretariat for its excellent Memorandum surveying the case law of inter-State arbitral tribunals and international criminal courts and tribuna

reflected in the summary records, and in the Commission's annual report.

would not be sufficiently strict, which could render them too easy to invoke."

14. The United Kingdom supports the view expressed by members of the Commission during the debate that, if the Commission were to conclude that there is a second category of general principles beyond those derived from national legal systems, that "second category of general principles of law must not be constructed too broadly and that it must be clearly distinguished from existing rules of customary