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Identification of customary international law

Crimes against Humanity

Subsequent Agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the  
interpretation of treaties

Statement by

Mr. Chairman,

Portugal continues to follow with great interest the

would favor its deletion. In this respect, it seems more acceptable the formulation that came out of the Drafting Committee for paragraph 1, but we still would prefer the deletion of this paragraph and believe that paragraphs 2 and 3 are sufficient to characterize the significance that resolutions of international organizations have for the identification of customary international law.

In what concerns Draft Conclusion 15 on the issue of “Persistent Objector”, we concur with the Draft Committee in

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me now to turn to Chapter VII of the Commission's Report devoted to **the topic "Crimes against humanity"**.

I would like to begin our intervention on this topic by commending the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Sean Murphy, for his comprehensive study based on the already existing regimes and on the jurisprudence of several courts and tribunals presented in his report. We believe it gave a good overall view of the background on this subject, but we would like to offer some comments on the on-going work of the Commission regarding this topic.

