



Mr. Chairman,

First of all, I would like to address the topic of Formation and Evidence of Customary International Law. The Czech Republic welcomes the International Law Commission's (hereinafter as the „Commission“) initial steps in discussing the formation of customary international law. We would like to commend the Special Rapporteur, Sir Michael Wood, on his first report, outlining the key questions in this field. The Czech Republic considers the formation and evidence of customary international law an important topic at the very heart of international law. The clarification of several issues has a great potential to contribute to the effectiveness of international law and its further development. The Czech Republic also commends the Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat identifying the elements in the previous work of the Commission that could be particularly relevant to the topic.

The Czech Republic agrees with the general scope of the topic delimited by the Special Rapporteur. We would like to emphasize that