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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

the essential pillars of the modern criminal law. In certain cases, one might argue those, together with principle *aut dedere aut judicare*, reflect customa

Mr. Chairman,

Before elaborating on various other aspects of the topic *Jus cogens*, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Special Rapporteur Mr. Dire Tladi for his first report. The concept of *jus cogens* is of great importance and interest of the whole international community, therefore, it requires truly careful and sensitive approach. We welcome the primary focus of the *jus cogens*.

As to whether or not include therein an indicative list of peremptory norms, we share the opinion that an indicative list, consisting only of those peremptory norms which have been multiply and explicitly identified in the practice of international courts and practice of States, would be of significant assistance and would bring more legal certainty.

Referring to the existence of regional *jus cogens*, we express our doubts such concept does have any legal basis in international law, nor finds its grounds in the practice of States.

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I thank you Mr. Chairman.