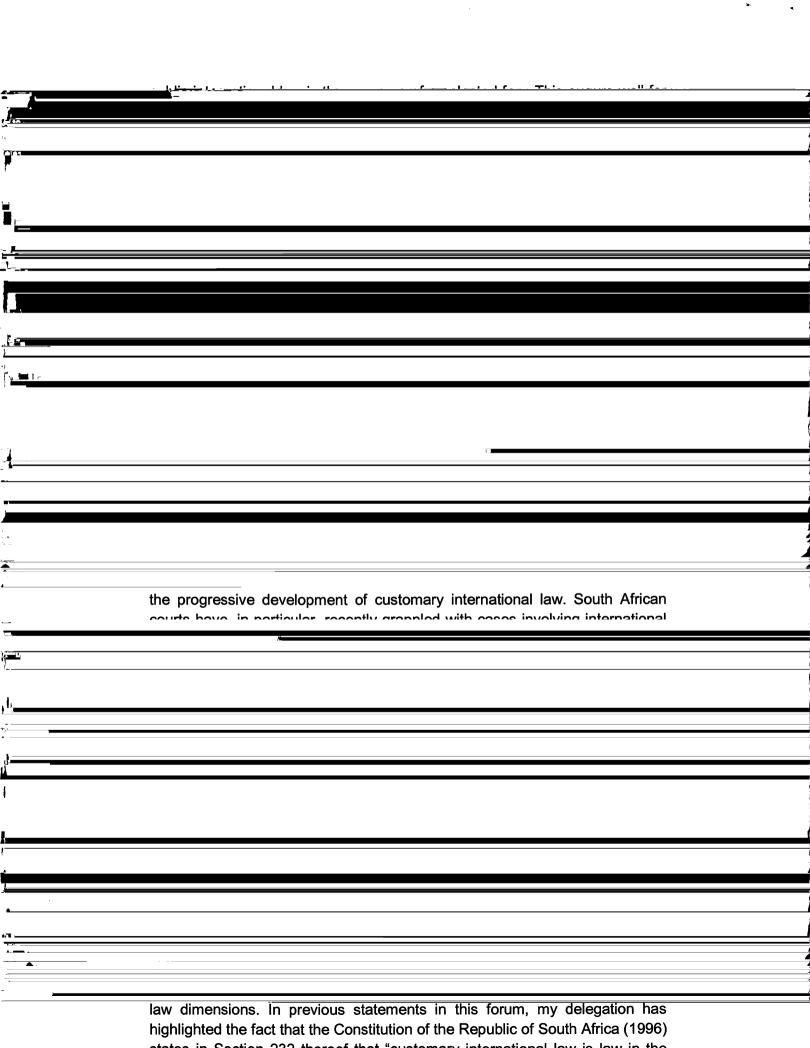


Mr Chairman

	Allow me to join others who have spoken before me in commemorating the
	70 th Anniversary of the establishment of the International Law Commission.
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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
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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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	concur with the Secretariat that yearbooks of international law detailing State	
	practice and national treaty collections are critical bibliographic resources. My	
	Office prides itself on its consistent involvement and contribution to the South	
	African Yearbook of International Law and on being home to the South African	
	Treaty Section, which has grown from strength to strength in the past few	
	years and proves an invaluable resource to the South African Government.	

Turning now to the decision by the International Law Commission to place the

Mr Chairman,