



Republic of Cyprus

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Cluster I: Statement on Chapters IV (Crimes against humanity) and V (Peremptory norms of general international law (*jus cogens*))

Pavel Šturma, for the thorough presentation of the Report of the ILC on the work of its seventy-first session. Cyprus wishes to comment on Chapters IV (Crimes against humanity) and Chapter V (Peremptory norms of general international law (*jus cogens*)) under Cluster I.

On the topic of **crimes against humanity** Cyprus expresses its appreciation to the Commission and to Special Rapporteur Sean D. Murphy for his work and the adoption of the entire set of the draft articles on second reading, noting that the Commission has recommended the elaboration of a convention by the General Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the articles.

Cyprus remains committed to the fight against impunity and therefore supports the further strengthening of the international legal framework for the prevention, detection, prosecution and

a clear statement on immunities, consistent with Article 27 of the Rome Statute on the irrelevance of official capacity. Furthermore, while recognizing that a possible new article on reservations would be

in the nature of a "final clause" which should be left to States to draft. Cyprus expresses the view that

in following Article 120 of the Rome Statute, no reservations may be made to the possible convention.

Turning to the topic of **peremptory norms of general international law (*jus cogens*)**, Cyprus would like to thank the Special Rapporteur, Dire Tladi and the Commission for the conclusion of the first reading of the draft conclusions on peremptory norms of general international law (*jus cogens*).

Consistent with the views expressed by my delegation during previous sessions, Cyprus welcomes draft

conclusions 10 to 13, which seek to consolidate and affirm the legal effects and consequences of conflict of treaties with peremptory norms of general international law. Cyprus holds the view that

these draft conclusions should be wholly consistent with the Vienna Convention on the Law of