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Thank you, Mr. / Madam Chairperson, 
 
I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Delegation of Japan. I would like to comment 
on the topic of "General Principles of Law." Japan congratulates the Special Rapporteur 
Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez for his third report. Japan welcomes the progress made 
on this topic and hopes that the Commission will continue its thorough deliberations on 
the questions involved. 
 
Japan understands that the points discussed in the Commission this year remain 
controversial. The nature and function of the general principles of law should be fully 
examined. Japan expects further explanations to be provided in the draft conclusions and 
commentaries. 
 
Japan expresses the view that it would be helpful, in practical terms, if the Commission 
would elaborate on the definitions of terms used in the draft conclusions, including a 
definition of “general principles of law”. 
 
I thank you. 
 
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