

**Closing remarks
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its work on this critical general recommendation in January. I am also very pleased that your work on a general recommendation on article 2 – a cornerstone provision of the Convention – is expected to proceed expeditiously in the months ahead.

Chairperson, distinguished members,

I had the opportunity to thank the Chairperson, Ms Manalo, in my opening comments at this session for her leadership. I would like to here reiterate my sincere appreciation of her work in the Committee, including as its Chairperson. Let me also take this opportunity to thank all the members of the outgoing Bureau - Ms. Hanna-Beate Schöpp-Schilling, Ms. Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani, Ms. Dubravka Simonovic and Ms. Silvia Pimentel - not only for your dedicated work, but also for the skill and generosity with which you shared the work during this session where members of the Bureau chaired so effectively the Committee's chambers and Plenary sessions. It was truly in a spirit of teamwork and with great dedication that members of the Bureau – together – guided this Committee through this most demanding session.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their contribution to this session. My particular thanks go to Ms. Huguette Bokpe-Gnacadjia, Ms Salma Khan, Ms Krisztina Morvai, Ms Victoria Popescu and Ms Manalo, who are completing their terms as members of this Committee. Your contributions to the protection and promotion of the human right the