

STATEMENT BY *****
REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN
AT THE MEETING OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
ON THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION
ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTY-NINTH SESSION (CLUSTER ONE)

Introduction Parts/Other Decisions and Conclusions

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At the outset, the delegation of Japan would like to extend our wholehearted congratulations on your assumption of the Chairmanship of the Sixth Committee. Our agenda includes several important subjects this year, and the Report of the International Law Commission raises important points for consideration. We assure you of Japan full support and active contribution to the discussions.

As Article 13 of the UN Charter stipulates, the General Assembly is mandated to encourage the progressive development of international law and its codification, which is a foundation of the role of the Sixth Committee and the ILC. Indeed, for the past seven decades, these two organs have played major roles in the development of international law by drafting articles and conventions.

While some have suggested that the ILC has exhausted deliberations on most fields of international law and that other multilateral forums now play a larger role in law-making in late years, the ILC maintains a unique and important role. One role that we deem particularly important is the clarification of the basic principles of international law in order to avoid its fragmentation. In

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In the consideration of the current topic, Protection of the atmosphere , the Special Rapporteur invited members of the Commission to the dialogue session with scientists. This effort facilitated understanding related to the topic, which enabled the Commission to study this scientific topic from a general international law perspective. This represents a good model for when the Commission seeks to extract general rules of international law from technical scientific topics.

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consistent judgements and the avoidance of the fragmentation of jurisprudence. In this regards, we sincerely hope the Commission will carry out the deliberation on this topic in a practical manner.

Crimes against humanity

Mr. Chairman,

I would now like to address-3(res-7-5()-41T3i)12(ca)-3(l m)--3(reo2ETBTres-7-5()-TBT1

draft article 6, while the question of immunity had not been addressed in the draft articles. We will closely follow future discussions on how to maintain consistency between these provisions and the ICC regime.

We sincerely hope that the Commission will continue deliberation on this topic in a balanced and constructive manner, taking into account the relationship with existing regimes, including the ICC among others.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.