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Mr Chair,

As this is the first time I take the floor to address the Report of the International Law Commission, I would like to commend the Commission for the productive session it has completed and also thank the ILC Chairman for the introduction of the Report.

Today I have the honour to address a timely topic of international law, the **peremptory norms of general international law**, also referred to as *jus cogens*. Hungary welcomes the adoption of the Draft Conclusions and the commentaries thereto on second reading. Now is a time when the importance of peremptory norms of

do not deal with cases of collision between *jus cogens* norms themselves. Therefore, it is unclear how States are supposed to settle cases where collisions between peremptory norms occur.

Bearing in mind that international law is a dynamic system I would like to raise the second issue, namely the changes of international law. While *jus cogens* norms are the pillars of the international legal system, it is possible that the content of such norms slightly change over the decades. While the Conclusions are clear on the steps of identification of peremptory norms, there is no guidance on their review.

Let me conclude by stressing that the identification of *jus cogens* norms and the clarification of their nature have a practical relevance in interstate relations.