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Mr. Chairman:

It was with great interest that my Delegation listened to the presentation, by the learned President of the International Law Commission, of the Commission's report on the work of its Fifteenth Session. The views which have been voiced and the substantial comments which have been made by many delegations on this report reflect, I think, a wide appreciation of the importance, and complexity, of the various subjects which the Commission currently has under study, and of the efficient manner in which it is discharging its valuable role.

My Delegation, therefore, has been pleased to join in co-sponsoring draft resolution A/C.6/L.529 of October 4 moved by the distinguished representatives of Ceylon and Guatemala on this Committee.

Mr. Chairman, I do not propose at this stage to comment on the substance of the main item, The Draft Law of Treaties, on which work is in progress. As this and the other topics before the Commission come to maturity, the Canadian Government will wish to submit written comments as appropriate and otherwise to actively contribute to their discussion in depth. Indeed, my Delegation hopes that this Committee in due course will devote the fullest discussion to The Draft Law of Treaties as a whole, having regard to its long-range meaning for the maintenance of the rule of law.

In the process of helping to develop and extend the rule of law, there is need for a constant awareness by the international lawyer of the special degree of accuracy expected from him. At the inception of the activities of