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THE STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS  
Observations received from governments on investigation,  
prosecution, arrest and remand.

The following observations have been received from the Governments of  
Argentina and Colombia:

ARGENTINA:

"Argentina considers it desirable in principle to include in the  
standard minimum rules a number of rules relating to the preparation of criminal  
cases, the prosecution of offences, and questions of law in accordance with  
Part I of the Rules for the Treatment of Persons under Arrest.

However, since Argentina is a federation with several distinct systems  
of law on this subject, it would point out the jurisdictional difficulty of legis-  
lating for these matters, especially in respect of misdemeanours, petty offences  
and criminal procedure which lie outside the federal and within the local juris-  
diction."

COLOMBIA:

"It would be highly desirable if the standard minimum rules included the  
general principles of law which presumably prevail or ought to prevail in all the  
legislations in the world and the development of which in legislation will best  
ensure civic freedom and regulation of the duties of the State and of the forms to  
be complied with by authorities in the treatment of offenders."