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Chairperson: Mr. MAVROMMATIS

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ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONVENTION (CAT/C/GC/CRP.1/Add.1; CAT/C/GC/2/CRP.1/Rev.2)
(continued)

1. The CHAIRPERSON invited the Committee to resume its consideration of the comments communicated by States parties on the draft general comment concerning the implementation of article 2 of the Convention, as contained in document CAT/C/GC/2/CRP.1/Add.1. Since the Committee did not have those comments in all working languages, some of them would be read out during the meeting.
2. Ms. MORALES (Secretary of the Committee) read out some of the comments communicated by Mexico (paragraphs 158-172 of document CAT/C/GC/2/CRP.1/Add.1).
3. Mr. MARINÑO MENÉNDEZ (Co-Rapporteur for the draft general comment) summarized the comments communicated by Ecuador (paragraphs 74-115 of document CAT/C/GC/2/CRP.1/Add.1); they were on the whole favourable towards the draft general comment.
4. The CHAIRPERSON, replying to a question by Ms. Sveaass, said that a summary of Switzerland's comments would be communicated in English to Committee members who so requested. Generally speaking, States parties seemed to be in favour of the draft general comment. Some of them made additional suggestions, notably to include domestic violence among the acts covered by article 2. The Committee had itself raised that point repeatedly in recent times, since that was one of the worst forms of ill-treatment, if only because of the extent of the phenomenon. Discrimination was also mentioned in States' comments, but the question was already referred to in article 1 of the Convention, and it would be interesting to hear the Rapporteurs' views on the subject, because any attempted definition might be restrictive.

The first part (public) of the meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.