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**Identification of Customary
International Law**

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Background to the Talk: In 2012 the International Law Commission (ILC) placed the topic “Formation and evidence of customary international law” on its current programme of work, and held an initial debate on the basis of a note by the Special Rapporteur. At its sixty-fifth session, in 2013, the Commission held a general debate on the basis of the Special Rapporteur’s first report. Subsequent to this, the Special Rapporteur, Sir Michael Wood, has submitted two more reports to the ILC on this issue. The third report was submitted few months back in 2015. The talk of Dr P S Rao will focus on these developments.

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