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Mr. Chair,

Armenia welcomes the discussions on enhancing the scope and the efficiency of the United Nations prevention toolbox. We reaffirm that Member States must make every effort to prevent and punish all crimes against humanity.

The draft articles, as recommended by the International Law Commission, are reflective of the shared objective of combating impunity for the perpetrators and delivering justice to the victims.

It is important to build upon this shared objective to further develop the capacity of the international community to protect people from crimes against humanity.

A new convention would be instrumental in filling a perceived gap by adding to the treaties on prevention and punishment of genocide and war crimes. At the national level, it can offer an important legal tool to the Member States for prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity by facilitating national investigations, prosecutions and punishments for such crimes. It will play an important role in facilitating inter-state cooperation - a major step towards a world, where the rights of people, no matter where they are, must be properly protected. In this regard we note that any potential conflict of obligations must be precluded for systemic clarity.

Mr. Chair,

It has been said too many times before that crimes unpunished lead to recurrence and repetition. More often than not, at the heart of the crimes against humanity is a history of continued violations of fundamental human rights.

Armenia condemns in the strongest terms policies of ethnic hatred, especially those led by state actors, and views them as an affront to the values, ideals and principles of the United Nations, including the collective commitment to prevent and punish crimes that “deeply shock the conscience of humanity”.

We reiterate our commitment to support efforts towards prevention of atrocity crimes and stand ready to contribute to the tangible progress in this regard.

I thank you.