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Lebanon

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Madame Chair,

My delegation has closely followed the discussions in this committee on this topic of significant importance for all States.

I wish to reaffirm that Lebanon is in favor of moving towards the elaboration of a Convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the International Law Commission (ILC).

We do believe it would contribute to filling a normative gap and strengthening national legal systems. It can ultimately represent a notable step to combat impunity and to ensure justice for victims.

A legally-binding instrument would have to be widely accepted to be truly effective in preventing one of the most serious crimes.

We recognize in this regard that further discussion is needed, with some draft articles which may require further examination and improvement, with questions as well as concerns which need to be further addressed.

To this end, we support establishing a framework with a clear mandate, in which there can be meaningful, inclusive and results-oriented process. Such framework should include a defined timetable, and guarantee we can progress in a sound and stepwise manner, without prejudging the outcome.

This is precisely, Madame Chair, the role of the sixth committee, whenever ILC products come our way. We are convinced it is a concrete manner to enhance our Committee's role and further promote the important work performed by the ILC.