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Chair,

There remains a gap in the international legal system. There is still no international treaty dedicated to preventing and punishing crimes against humanity – while there are for the other core international crimes: genocide, war crimes and the crime of aggression. Liechtenstein therefore supports work toward the elaboration of a crimes against humanity convention. And, we are encouraged, that after years of delay, last year, the Sixth Committee took concrete steps to that end.

We participated in the intersessional discussions on crime against humanity. We were glad to see so many delegations participate in the substantive discussions. And we look forward to building on last year's discussions at the second intersessional discussion this year. Engaging in this important dialogue is an expression of our collective commitment to the work of the Sixth Committee, the ILC and the fight against impunity for the most serious international crimes.

We hope, in the short-term, we will also have the opportunity to engage in discussions at a Conference focused on elaborating a crime against humanity convention, where we will be

ready to offer our detailed thinking on their substance which reflect existing international law. Noting the existing language in the draft articles on international cooperation to combat impunity for the most serious crimes, we also congratulate all who participated in the successful adoption of the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance. We view the elaboration of a convention on crimes against humanity as complementary to the Mutual Legal Assistance treaty, and are hopeful that together we will also one day adopt a crimes against humanity convention.

I thank you.