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**Agenda Item 80: Crimes Against Humanity**

**Statement of Ireland on Cluster 2**

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Chair,

1. Ireland has considered with interest the comments so far made by states on draft articles 2 to 4, and wishes to comment briefly only on draft article 4.
2. Ireland believes that the extent of the obligation under draft article 4 to prevent crimes against humanity could be made clearer, in particular with regard to the obligation to cooperate with 'relevant intergovernmental organizations and, as appropriate, other organizations.' Further elaboration of what precisely is envisaged by this obligation to cooperate may be necessary to ensure that states can fully and effectively discharge their duty in this regard, should a convention be elaborated, and may be necessary to ensure that this provision is retained during the convention drafting process.
3. We are grateful for the views so far expressed by states on draft article 4, as well as on draft articles 2 and 3, and believe that we are now ready to negotiate the precise content of these draft articles in more detail as part of the process of the elaboration of a convention. We are confident that any remaining divergences of opinion on draft articles 2 to 4 can be resolved through such negotiation, and hope to proceed rapidly to that next stage.

Thank you.