

## United Nations General Assembly | Sixth Committee 78<sup>th</sup> Resumed Session

Crimes against humanity (Agenda item 80) ILC's Recommendation

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Mr./Madam Chair,

Brazil aligns itself with the statements delivered by Timor-Leste on behalf of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries and by Bolivia on behalf of some GRULAC States.

The work of the International Law Commission on crimes against humanity seeks to fulfill an important gap in international law, which already relies on global conventions to prevent and punish genocide and war crimes.

Brazil has supported this process since its inception. After two resumed sessions of the Sixth Committee with substantive exchange of views, we are further convinced that the draft articles can be used a basis for a future convention.

As we expressed during the session, Brazil considers that several articles may be strengthened and improved. We believe that negotiations under the General Assembly or a conference of plenipotentiaries could promote the necessary adjustments.

In this context, we reiterate our appreciation for the valuable work of the International Law Commission and its Special Rapporteur on the topic.

We also thank all members of the Bureau for the able stewardship of this resumed session, as well as the facilitators for their valuable contribution to the work of the Sixth Committee on the topic.

It is our expectation that in its next session, in October, the Sixth Committee will be able to endorse the recommendation of the International Law Commission for the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the draft articles.

It is also our expectation that the structured and constructive discussions we held in this resumed session can serve as an example of how we can conduct our debates on other important topics in the agenda of the Sixth Committee. I thank you.