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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

**Statement by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Before the Sixth Committee
On Draft Articles on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity
On ILC recommendations**

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Mr. Chair.

I would like to once again express my gratitude to you and the co-facilitators of this process as well as the Secretariat for their commendable efforts in convening this meeting.

Mr. Chair.

It has been quite visible in this year's meeting and also previous relevant meetings of the Sixth Committee that highly divergent views exist on the Draft Articles as well as on the ILC recommendations.

Crimes against humanity, which is indeed a horrendous crime, has been defined in numerous international instruments. Currently various international instruments and bilateral judicial assistance agreements provide for sufficient legal bases for prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. As such, my delegation is not yet convinced of the existence of legal a lacuna in international legal order on this topic and of a need for a new convention, for that matter.

We believe that addressing and resolving possible insufficiencies in the implementation of some aspects of current frameworks, is not to elaborate a new convention as this would also fragment international law on this matter and thus would not necessarily be conducive to effective prevention and punishment of crimes against

humanity. Thus, we would like to reiterate that the idea of drafting a new convention on crimes against humanity, is premature, and still needs serious consideration.

Mr. Chair.

On a general note, we would like to reaffirm the comments, observations, and positions of Islamic Republic of Iran on various aspects and substance of the Draft Articles and on the ILC recommendations reflected and expressed in previous relevant meetings of the Sixth Committee.

I would also like to highlight that while my delegation has provided its views in this meeting on certain provisions of the Draft Articles, we reserve our rights and prerogatives to reflect our other and further observations and comments on the Draft Articles when we deem it appropriate.

I thank you.