

Statement

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on

**Crime Against Humanity
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Mr. Chair

My delegation appreciates the International Law Commission and the secretariat for their effort on the draft article and the ILC recommendations put forward for our deliberation for the elaboration of a convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity which continue to shock the world and the fruitful deliberation during this session.

2. The world indeed needs a convention to criminalized crime against humanity, the only way we can achieve this goal is to be transparent and inclusive with regards the future convention. There must be fairness in this process, if we really want to have an international community devoid of crimes as defenders of justice.

3. We wish to reiterate that the ILC recommendations and the draft articles are not to be presumed agreed text, but are basis or guide for our discussion. My delegation does not agree with some delegations of an overwhelming support. Our discussion should be clear of selectivity and as other delegations mentioned devoid of double standards. We have all discussed and presented our national views and positions, which I hope will be fully reflected in all the final reports accordingly.

4. The Commission and the Secretariat should abide by the General Assembly decisions on Resolution 77/247 to take into consideration, all views with regard taking any decision in the future convention.

5. Yes, let me for the first time agree with my brother from Gambia, that we should work through every single line and sentences during the next step of negotiations on the draft article and to include relevant proposal putting into perspective all our views.

I thank you