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Thank you, Chair.

The United States recalls the decision by the General Assembly last year in resolution 79/122 to convene the UN Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity. The General Assembly further decided to convene a preparatory committee in January 2026 and in 2027 to discuss the organization and methods of work of the Conference, prepare the compiled text for submission to the Conference, and decide on the participation of stakeholders.

Our understanding is that the role of the Sixth Committee this year on this important topic is now very limited, and that in lieu of a substantive resolution there is only a narrow procedural decision that will be taken setting specific dates for the second session of the Preparatory Committee and maintaining this item on the agenda. We are not in a position at this time to engage in a debate about the substance of the draft articles or the upcoming Preparatory Committees or Conference, and we are still considering our specific views in this regard.

We appreciated hearing the views of other delegations in preparing for the next steps envisioned in resolution 79/122. Especially in light of the substantive work that lies ahead for the eventual Conference, we are disappointed that a few delegations used this debate to level political allegations about other countries' conduct in specific situations. We urge delegations to keep their points on this topic focused on next steps in the organization and methods of work of the Conference as envisioned in resolution 79/122.

Thank you, Chair.