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Thank you Madam Chairperson,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement previously delivered by the European Union on this agenda item, and would like to convey the following remarks in its national capacity.

Madam Chairperson,

At the outset, allow me to thank the International Law Commission and Special Rapporteur, Sean Murphy, for their efforts invested in preparing the draft articles on Crimes against Humanity.

While the ILC's work over the last years has focused more on explaining and clarifying international legal concepts, this is one of the rare projects that resulted in draft articles – a text that can serve as a basis for a convention, thereby contributing to the progressive development of international law.

Slovenia therefore supports the recommendation in the ILC Report of 2019 on the elaboration of a convention by the General Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries based on the draft articles. Regarding this issue, there is a long way ahead of us, and work should be undertaken as soon as possible. There should be no excuses and we must pursue global efforts to strengthen the legal framework for prosecuting perpetrators of one of the most serious international crimes without any further delay.

My delegation would also like to recall the “MLA” initiative launched by Argentina, Belgium, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Senegal and Slovenia aimed at developing a modern operational framework ensuring effective inter-state cooperation for the prosecution at national level of crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

This initiative, supported to date by 76 States, pursues a similar objective of fighting impunity for the most serious crimes as the draft articles of the ILC on crimes against humanity. However, its material scope and the general approach differ broadly.

On the one hand, the ILC's draft articles take a holistic approach and aim to address a wide range of rules and concepts ranging from mutual legal assistance and the issue of extradition to prevention, state responsibility and reparations solely for crimes against humanity.

On the other hand, the MLA initiative focuses on creating a detailed modern and comprehensive framework for mutual legal assistance and extradition in case of crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Madam Chairperson,

My delegation firmly believes these two projects are therefore complementary and can coexist and continue to develop in parallel. We hope the work will continue fruitfully on both.

I thank you, Madam Chairperson.