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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

As the nation of the Jewish people, Israel has been supportive of this process from its inception. Israel attaches great importance to the work of the ILC and has contributed its comments and observations to the Commission itself as well as in the sessions of the Sixth Committee.

Israel is committed and calls for achieving wide acceptance of the rules for the prevention and punishment of Crimes Against Humanity. Such wide acceptance should be based on customary international law as well as established principles.

With regard to the Preamble - regarding preambular paragraph 7, we would agree with the view that the application of article 7 of the Rome statute mutatis mutandis may not be appropriate and might even work against the broad acceptance purpose we are trying to achieve here, as we will elaborate in our comments to the next cluster.

With regard to Draft Article 1 and to the Preamble, we believe that they set the tone and provide for a strong basis with which to discuss the issues that require further attention in the remaining four clusters. We congratulate the facilitators on their election for leading this process and we look forward to a fruitful and productive discussion. We offer our support to the facilitators as well as our support for this process.

I thank you, Mr. Chair