

**Intervention of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in
the 6th committee**

“Crimes Against Humanity”

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Delivered by First Secretary Ahmad Habashneh

Mr. Chair,

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is pleased to acknowledge the significant progress that has been made in our collective efforts to address the critical

issue of crimes against humanity. We are encouraged by the decision of the Sixth Committee to have two resumed sessions for in-depth discussions, one in April 2023 and another in April 2024, to exchange views on the draft articles and the ILC's recommendation. This development underscores the commitment of the international community to confront such international crimes with the seriousness they deserve.

As we have always emphasized, the gravity of crimes against humanity requires a resolute and objective approach. We remain steadfast in our conviction that enforcing the principle of accountability for the perpetrators of such crimes is paramount. We must ensure the gap in the legal regime to combat Crimes against Humanity. Such crimes have far-reaching implications for international peace and security. Without a legal framework for interstate cooperation based on national criminalization of those crimes, the fight against impunity will not be successful.

Our dedication to upholding international laws and the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations aligns with our vision of combating impunity and promoting justice worldwide.

We also stress on the crucial role of the International Law Commission in codifying international law and continue to reiterate the importance of its recommendations.

We reiterate our support for the conclusion of an international agreement based on the draft articles developed by the International Law Commission.

The articles offer a comprehensive framework for addressing crimes against humanity, including defining the crimes, establishing national jurisdiction, inter-state cooperation and implementing the principle of aut dedere aut judicare.

Finally, Mr. Chair,

Jordan reiterates its call for the protection of the Palestinian population of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. As it has been stated in Jordan's written submission to the International Court of Justice in the advisory proceedings of the legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, the prolonged occupation by Israel has been marked by the commission of a large number of crimes against humanity. The threshold for the commission of such crimes, i.e., the relevant criminal conduct, has occurred as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against the civilian population, and the knowledge of the attack has been met.

In conclusion, we look forward to the second resumed session in April 2024, and to a fruitful discussion centered around the core and substantive aspects of the draft articles.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.