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Thank you, Mr.Chair,

Let me start by saying that Albania fully aligns itself with the UE statement and the statement delivered by Gamba on behalf of the cross regionals group of states.

In my national capacity I would like to make the following remarks:

The core international crimes, including crimes against humanity, represent the darkest chapter of humankind.

Not only the past but still today, We are witnessing atrocity crimes all over the world, leaving behind thousands of victims whose demands for justice remain unfulfilled. This is unacceptable nor tolerable.

Albania has been a pioneer of international justice and reiterates its unwavering support to International Courts and Independent Mechanisms in pursuing international justice for all atrocity crimes.

The IRMCT, ICC and ICJ are excellent examples of delivering international justice. Those courts represent the only legal path to achieve international justice, accountability and support to lasting peace and prosperity.

Justice to be delivered needs legal framework and clear international rules and regulations. In this regard it is of paramount importance to fill the existing gap in the international treaty framework.

We commend the work of International Commission Law and the work of the Special Rapporteur.

Perpetrators of crimes against humanity must not go unpunished and each of them must be held responsible and duly processed in accordance with rules and procedures.

Albania supports efforts and welcome the discussions on the draft treaty for Crimes against humanity which is a “*condictio sine qua non*” to hold those responsible to account.

Colleagues,

Crimes against humanity cause human suffering not only to victims but also to their families who continue to be stigmatized.

It is our common responsibility in the name of shared human and democratic values and respect for human rights, to establish legal instruments so victims’ demand for justice do not go unheard.

Focus must be given to women and children who suffer most. We need to invest more in victims’ protection programs and a whole of society approach is more than vital.

In conclusion, The Convention on Crimes against humanity is the “STEP” needed to achieve justice for all. Albania will continue to support multilateral efforts in pursuing justice, peace and prosperity.

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