



Statement by

The Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Today, we converge to deliberate upon an issue of profound gravity and unparalleled significance – the crimes against humanity.

Indonesia remains resolute in its reverence for the sanctity of human life, the inviolable dignity of each individual, and the timeless tenets enshrined within the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Our national ethos, as encapsulated by Pancasila, places humanity at its core, emphasizing a just and civilized humanity.

We are, therefore, resolutely committed to preventing any act that denigrates this very essence of human existence.

Crimes against humanity, by their very nature, are not just crimes against individuals, but crimes against humanity as a whole.

The global community must work tirelessly to prevent such crimes, hold perpetrators accountable, and ensure that victims receive justice.

At this juncture, allow me to convey two points.

FIRST, Indonesia has continuously demonstrated its commitment to prevent and punish crimes against humanity by ratifying numerous international instruments that seek to prevent such heinous crimes and have meticulously integrated these conventions into our domestic legal fabric, ensuring that they are effectively implemented at the grassroots level.

Our recently inaugurated Penal Code, Law Number 1 Year 2023, enshrines an article singularly devoted to the criminalization of crimes against humanity.

Article 599, in its scope and breadth, delineates the defining characteristics of these crimes and prescribes stringent punitive measures for violators.

SECOND, Indonesia commends the fruitful exchange of substantive views in an interactive format during the Resumed 77th Session in April 2023.

The active participation of member states underscores our collective zeal to address the intricate nuances of the Draft Articles on Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity.

These rich deliberations promise to illuminate the path forward, fostering shared understanding and bridging disparate viewpoints.

Indonesia looks forward to continuing the discussions at the next Resumed Session in April next year.

Mr. Chair,

Despite our domestic efforts to address crimes against humanity, we are deeply concerned with the situation and ensuing development in the Middle East.

We call all parties to unequivocally respect and uphold international law, in its entirety.

We must not turn a blind eye on the dire situation that is taking place in the middle east.

The humanitarian situation taking place in Gaza, is dire.

Indonesia thus reiterates our deep concern on the escalation of conflict and call upon the international community to spare no effort in ensuring that children are not put at risk do their utmost to protect children, and for all parties abide by international humanitarian law.

In closing, allow me to reassert, with resounding clarity, the Republic of Indonesia's steadfast dedication to eradicating crimes against humanity.

I thank you.

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