



Resumption of the seventy-eight session of the Sixth Committee, exchange of substantive views on draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, Cluster II.

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Malta Statement delivered by Mr. Adam Kuymizakis, Deputy Permanent Representative.

Chair,

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you as well as the vice-chairs and the rapporteur on the occasion of the resumption of the functions of the 6th Committee Bureau, and to assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation in fulfilling your important mandate.

Malta aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union. Please allow me to add the following in our national capacity.

Malta is pleased with the important and fruitful discussions that took place during last April's resumed session, following the adoption of Resolution 77/249 which we co-sponsored. It is of utmost importance for the relationship between the International Law Commission and the 6th Committee to grow and progress, and in this sense to give due consideration to the draft articles on the prevention and punishment of



crimes against humanity, and the recommendation made by the Commission.

Under this cluster that I have the honour to speak, Malta sees merit in further bettering the definition. With the ILC's draft articles as a good basis for the elaboration of a Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity, we consider that a discussion will need to be held to ensure that the articles are gender competent and reflect the broad spectrum of atrocity crimes that have a gender dimension. The ILC has already introduced elements in this regard, and we should continue to discuss how to better reflect crimes of persecution, apartheid and others in the articles. This will enable victims and survivors – present and future – to hold perpetrators to account for the totality of crimes committed through systematized oppression. This also advances a survivor centric approach, which places the rights and agency of survivors and victims at the forefront of all actions.

Chair,

We have heard carefully, throughout these 2 resumed sessions, the important substantial points on the provisions of the draft articles. We believe that negotiations would provide us with the opportunity and the best environment to bridge our views and to successfully advance towards the recommendation of the International Law Commission to elaborate a convention.



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We are therefore hopeful that we can find the necessary unity and strong moral standing during the upcoming session of the 6th Committee in order to progress towards negotiations and do our best to ensure cooperation in prevention and combating crimes against humanity.

I thank you.