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Agenda Item 80: Crimes Against Humanity

Statement of Ireland on Cluster 4

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Chair,

1. Ireland has considered with interest the comments so far made by states on draft articles 13 to 15 and the Annex to the draft articles, and will today comment briefly on draft article 13 on extradition.
2. Ireland is strongly opposed to the use of the death penalty in all cases and in all circumstances. The final and irreversible nature of the death penalty underlines the impropriety of its use as a criminal punishment. Accordingly, we continue to seek its universal abolition. We support an explicit reference to refusing extradition to a state that applies the death penalty without a guarantee by that state that the death penalty would not be used in the case of the person being extradited.
3. We are grateful for the views so far expressed by states on draft article 13, as well as on draft articles 14 and 15 and the Annex, and believe that we are now ready to negotiate the precise content of these provisions in more detail as part of the process of the elaboration of a convention. We are confident that any remaining divergences of opinion can be resolved through such negotiation, and hope to proceed to that next stage as soon as possible.

Thank you.