

UNGA78 Sixth Committee Resumed Session

Draft Articles on the Prevention and Punishment of Crime Against Humanity

ILC Recommendation

Bulgaria Statement

Distinguished Chair,

Distinguished colleagues,

Bulgaria aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union and would like to further emphasize the following points:

The discussions so far, including during the current week, and the written comments submitted by the States clearly prove that there is great deal of support for the ILC Draft Articles as a solid foundation of the future Convention, while challenges and dilemmas also remain and they need to be discussed openly going forward.

Experiences in the area of codification of the International Law teach us, that divisive topics could eventually be brought to a consensus, if we truly engage in negotiations and in addressing the legitimate concerns of States with the aim to reach a balanced and satisfactory outcome.

The decision we need to take this Fall is whether our commitment to strengthen our collective obligation on prevention and on fight against impunity is stronger than our differences.

In response to this, my delegation adds its voice to those countries who have expressed support for the ILC Recommendation for the following reasons:

The future Convention would:

- fill in a gap in the international legal framework;
- consolidate international law in the area and contribute to legal certainty;
- provide a legal framework to encourage national-level prosecutions of alleged perpetrators and international legal cooperation to that end;
- reaffirm the commitment of the international community to prevent and punish crimes against humanity.

Thank you, Chair!