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Mr. Chair,

Slovakia fully aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the European Union and its Member States as well as the cross-regional statement to be delivered by the delegation of Sierra Leone. I will add a few remarks in my national capacity.

In line with the resolution 77/249, the Sixth Committee is mandated during this session to further examine the draft articles on crimes against humanity and the respective recommendation of the International Law Commission and take a decision on this matter.

My delegation has pronounced multiple times on the recommendation of the International Law Commission. Shortly, our view is that the topic of crimes against humanity is ripe for codification. These crimes are not a novelty to international law. On contrary, they have been subject of decades of practice, including jurisprudence, on all levels, international, regional and national.

The two resumed sessions of the Sixth Committee, dedicated solely to the exchange of substantive views on draft articles, provided this Committee with ample time and opportunity to study and examine their content, as well as to present positions and proposals. We had a rich discussion, which generated a lot of convergence, multiple proposals, and uncovered also certain divergence.

It is a strong conviction of my delegation that it is now time to move on. Proposals and differing views captured in the written summary of the deliberations during the two resumed sessions can be addressed and ironed out only within a formal negotiation setting. Genuine text-based negotiations within a diplomatic conference would also best serve our shared aspirations for a universally accepted convention. Convening such conference is thus the next logical step.

For these reasons, Slovakia has co-sponsored and fully supports the draft resolution submitted by Mexico and the Gambia, which would decide to convene the UN Conference of Plenipotentiaries in 2026 and its Preparatory Committee in 2025. I thank you.