

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Statement

Before the Sixth Committee

On

Crimes Against Humanity

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Mr. Chair,

1. Jordan aligns itself with the statement delivered by Portugal on behalf of cross regional group of states and wishes to make the following remarks in its national capacity.
2. At the core of the United Nations lies our shared commitment to uphold peace, protect human dignity, and ensure accountability for the gravest crimes. Crimes against humanity strike at the very foundation of these principles. Confronting them is not merely a legal obligation, it is essential to safeguarding international peace and security.
3. Jordan welcomes the adoption of resolution 79/122, which has set in a clear and structured path toward the elaboration of a convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. The decision to convene a Preparatory Committee beginning in January 2026 reflects a broad recognition by the international community of the need to move beyond discussions and into negotiations. Jordan strongly supports this forward-looking and inclusive approach.
4. The future convention goes beyond technical legal considerations; it embodies a collective commitment to strengthening the international legal order. By addressing one of the most serious crimes under international law, it will fill a longstanding normative gap, reinforcing the global resolve to prevent atrocities, protect

populations, and ensure that those responsible are held to account. Its adoption would represent a concrete expression of the international community's shared responsibility.

5. Jordan believes that closing the gap in the international legal framework through a dedicated convention will strengthen the global architecture of accountability and give renewed effect to the collective commitment to ensure that those responsible for such crimes do not go unpunished.
6. This process must result in a convention that is universally acceptable, one that reinforces national responsibility to prevent and punish crimes against humanity, while enabling effective international cooperation.
7. Jordan underscores the need for this process to remain inclusive and consensus-oriented, ensuring broad ownership and legitimacy.

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8. The prohibition of crimes against humanity is a peremptory norm of international law. This means it represents one of the highest and most fundamental principles of the international legal order, from which no derogation is permitted. No State may excuse or justify violations of such a norm, and all States share a collective obligation to respect and uphold it. This was reaffirmed by the General Assembly in resolution 78/109, which welcomed the

conclusion of the work of the International Law Commission on jus cogens and took note of the draft conclusions and commentaries, recognizing the major importance of this subject in international relations. Transforming this universal principle into a legally binding convention offers a historic opportunity to strengthen the rule of law and ensure justice for victims.

9. Jordan stands ready to actively engage in this important process and to work toward a convention that serves both the cause of justice and the maintenance of international peace and security.

Thank you, Mr. Chair