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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

1. My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by Cameroon on behalf of the African Group.
2. We begin by thanking the delegations that worked tirelessly in the 79th Session to bridge gaps and seek consensus. Eritrea was fully committed to this consensus-based tradition, engaging constructively to finalize a widely acceptable text for a new international criminal justice framework.
3. Eritrea firmly believes in ensuring accountability and ending impunity for the most heinous international crimes as a foundation for a more just and peaceful world.
4. It is therefore deeply regrettable that this process was undermined by the impetuous and selective approach adopted by some delegations. This brings us to a core concern: the inconsistent treatment of International Law Commission (ILC) products, which is too often motivated by political interests. The ILC's work must not be subject to such double standards.
5. This disparity is symptomatic of a broader problem. Eritrea categorically rejects the disingenuous and pervasive double standards in the application of international criminal justice. When applied unevenly, international law loses its

moral authority, credibility, and effectiveness, becoming a tool of political influence rather than a guarantor of justice.

6. This is exemplified by the expanding, and often politically motivated, use of universal jurisdiction. We see a constant "deprioritization" of crimes committed by some, while the alleged crimes of "others" are aggressively pursued.

Chair,

7. Moving forward, addressing these imbalances is a prerequisite for successful treaty negotiations. We must work together to improve the substance of the Draft Articles on Crimes against Humanity. The first session of the Preparatory Committee in 2026, as mandated by resolution 79/122, is the critical forum for this. In this regard, it is crucial that all governments submit formal proposals for amendments to ensure that the compiled text is comprehensive and balanced while maintaining the intergovernmental nature of the process.
8. In conclusion, Eritrea remains committed to the principle of international justice through a fair and impartial system that truly serves all people, regardless of nationality. We encourage continuing constructive engagements on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, in line with the consensus-based tradition of the Sixth Committee as we are keenly committed to having a widely acceptable, unambiguous consolidated legal framework.

I thank you, Chair.