

- 1. At the outset, as this is our first time taking the floor, Ireland wishes to congratulate the Chair and Bureau on your election, and to assure you of our support for your work. The Irish delegation thanks the Commission for the report of its Sixty-Ninth Session and commends the considerable progress made this year. We also thank the Chair of the Commission, the Special Rapporteurs and other member of the Commission for their presence here in New York, as well as the Office of the Legal Adviser for its support of the Commission's work.
- 2. Today, I will comment on the topics of "Crimes against Humanity" and the "Provisional application of Treaties". Finally, I will make some brief comments on "Other decisions and conclusions of the Commission".

Crimes against Humanity

- 3. Ireland wishes to congratulate the Commission and the Special Rapporteur, Mr Sean D. Murphy, on the successful conclusion of its first reading of the draft articles on crimes against humanity and the commentaries thereto. We would like to commend the significant contribution of Mr Murphy to this topic which has seen the provisional adoption of a full set of draft Articles in three years.
- 4. Ireland notes that a preparatory conference took place in the Netherlands last week on a Multilateral Treaty for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition for Domestic Prosecution of the most serious international crimes. As my delegation said in its statement delivered at the Seventy-First Session last year, it is important that the Commission continues to communicate with the Convening States of this initiative as they progress work on this.

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