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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me at the outset to congratulate the International Law Commission and its Members for gratitude to the Chairperson of the ILC Professor Georg Nolte for his able leadership during the first session of the Commission in the new quinquennium, as well as for the presentation of the respective parts of the report to the Sixth Committee.

Mr. Chairman,

s of the report in the first Cluster, namely Chapters IV, V and XI. Allow me first to turn to the topic of **Crimes against humanity**. We would like highly commend the Special Rapporteur Professor Sean Murphy for his excellent third report, as well as the ILC for adopting on first reading draft preamble, 15 articles and annex together with commentaries thereto.

I would like to renew our strong endorsement of the work of the Special Rapporteur and the Commission and express overall satisfaction on the decision to handle the topic with a clear vision to elaborate a convention on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity from the very outset of the consideration of the topic. This was a wise and right decision.

We take note of the decision of the Commission to transmit the draft articles to governments for comments. Slovakia is ready to provide within the set timeframe its comments and observations.

We would, however, recommend to the Commission to closely follow also various international initiatives aiming at strengthening mutual legal cooperation and assistance of states with regard to international atrocity crimes.

With regard to the work of the Commission during the current session on this topic, allow me briefly address some particular issues. We are pleased to see that draft article 5 containing the implementation of the *non-refoulement* principle was included as a part of a broader concept of the obligation of prevention. Reaffirming the application of this fundamental principle with regard to crimes against humanity can indeed play an important role in strengthening the prevention mechanism of the future convention.

We full-heartedly support the inclusion of draft article 12 on measures regarding victims, witnesses and other persons. This reflects the global trends of exercising the victim-oriented international justice in international crid**t0bmaa**

