

Draft Crimes Against Humanity Convention  
Canada Statement  
Cluster 4

Madame Chair,

With the draft articles on Cluster 4, we find ourselves considering the framework of international cooperation, which is essential to preventing atrocity crimes, including crimes against humanity, through its deterrent effect and deterring safe haven to perpetrators of such crimes across the globe.

Canada appreciates the nature of the draft articles included in this cluster as the cornerstone of continued efforts by States, while recognizing that some require further consideration and may need to take into account the ongoing discussion on the draft Convention on International Cooperation.

Specifically on requests by States to make extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty, pursuant to draft Article 13(5), we believe it would be relevant to add that such request should be made at the time of deposit of instruments of ratification, similar to the reference contained in the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

With appreciation for the encouragement to expedite and simplify procedures under paragraph 8, it remains that differences may arise in the treatment of these cases by States. Bearing in mind as well the general principle of international law that national laws cannot take precedence over international legal obligations, we would recommr

