



STATEMENT

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Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, the European Union, Fiji, Finland, France, the Republic of the Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar,

Last April, we were delighted to see members of the Sixth Committee engage in a substantive and detailed legal dialogue on the draft articles of the International Law Commission on crimes against humanity. It was a constructive experience for the Sixth Committee as a whole to move beyond a procedural debate and we hope it will be replicated in April next year.

It is important to continue discussing and understanding our respective positions, as progress can only be made through structured dialogue and engagement.

To conclude, Mr./Madam Chair, we reiterate our commitment to the process agreed by the Sixth Committee. We will continue to engage constructively, and invite all delegations to do the same, with the view to taking a decision on this matter in the 79th session of the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 77/249.

Thank you.