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Thematic Cluster 01 – Introductory Measures

Preamble and Draft Article 01

Statement by the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka, H.E. Ambassador

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Mr. Chair,

An academic contributing to the international criminal law review seeks to present the idea that what we have come to call ?a and shockingly human.—They are not situated outside huma of certain distinctive features of the human species. It is hence suggested that crimes against humanity could accurately be called crimes of humanity if 'humanity' is understood aund aod atupsetting as it frequently constitute a painful reminder of our inability, or even unwillingness, to prevent mass atrocity. We

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potential complicity of 'humanity' in mass atrocity, h

enthusiasm.

Mr. Chairman,

Draft article one establishes the scope of the present draft articles by indicating that they apply both to the prevention and to the punishment of crimes against humanity. Prevention of crimes against humanity is focused on precluding the commission of such offences, whilst punishment of crimes against humanity is foce m humm hum a fo ilhO

Mr. Chairman,

A key issue in establishing state obligations to prosecute international crimes involves the choice of a definition that is appropriate to the obligations that are being imposed. The notion of "crimes against humanity" has a long history, but its definition has

Mr. Chairman,

The enemy of all humanity is a person who assaults our very humanity with (nature as political beings through) tyrannical and cruel conduct; that it is worth calling him to account. Universal jurisdiction, therefore, does not rest on the hostes's location outside of the territorial jurisdiction of states. Establishing such a jurisdiction is what we are engaged in today; is one in which we simultaneously establish a practice of accountability and create norms against radical evil to which anyone, including heads of