

Statement on behalf of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia by Elvira Cupika-Mavrina, Legal advisor of Latvia to the United Nations at the Resumed Sixth Committee Session "Crimes against humanity"

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Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the three Baltic States—Estonia, Lithuania and my own country, Latvia.

The Baltic States align with the statement made by the European Union and its Member States.

Firstly, turning to Article 6:

It is a common duty of the international community to ensure that crimes against humanity do not go unpunished, hence this draft article is crucial in a possible future convention. Further, States should enshrine draft Article 6 in their national legislation, in principle the Baltic States have already implemented principles of draft Article 6 in each of our national criminal codes.

Secondly on Article 7:

The Baltic States consider that all States have a role to play in combatting such grave crimes by establishing national jurisdiction over crimes against humanity. We fight against impunity. Further, like many other draft articles, we commend that this is yet another article that can be found in other international conventions and treaties addressing