



Thank you Chair.

With regard to draft article 11, New Zealand welcomes the inclusion of the safeguards set out therein, which reference rights and guarantees under international law regarding the fair treatment of persons against whom measures are being taken in accordance with Draft Articles. We emphasise the importance of due process considerations for safeguarding the rule of law and for ensuring the credibility and legitimacy of steps that are taken towards accountability.

Turning to draft article 12, New Zealand welcomes the inclusion of this draft article addressing the rights of victims, witnesses and other persons affected by the commission of a crime against humanity. We recall the first preambular paragraph of the Draft Articles which underscores the victims of crimes that deeply shock the conscience of humanity throughout history remain at the core of the compelling need for a future convention.

New Zealand remains open to further language in the Draft Articles directed towards enhancing the