



MALDIVES

Statement by
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the General Discussion on Crime Against Humanity
of the Sixth Committee

1. Thank you, Chair
2. At the outset, let me congratulate you and the bureau for your successful election. You can certainly count on the support of my delegation in the work of the sixth committee.
3. Our collective conscious as captured in resolution 77/249 is that crimes against humanity “deeply” disturbs us.
4. In that resolution and the resolutions which preceded it, we further recognized the need to both prevent and punish such crimes.
5. However, despite this concern, which can even be traced back to the origins of the UN Charter, recent history demonstrates that the legal framework in place is not adequate to act as an effective deterrent against crimes against humanity being committed.
6. To that end, my delegation extends its appreciation to the International Law Commission, for taking the first steps towards the formulation of a stand-alone Convention, by providing the draft Articles on the “Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity”.
7. Even though in principle, my delegation supports the formulation of a Convention

The Maldives fully supports any and all international efforts to strengthen the legal instruments that protect lives and promote fundamental human rights. But we have to ask the question: is it the lack of laws or the lack of will, political will, that is preventing us from taking action to stop the on-going genocide and crimes against humanity being committed by Israel.

