



Statement by His Excellency
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Mr. Chair,


Since this is my first intervention in this Committee's session of the General Assembly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the co-facilitators for guiding the Sixth Committee in this topic earlier this year.

Mr. Chair,

Customary international law has in humanity as multilateral, legally binding instrument, codifying the existing in this area, would facilitate international cooperation for prevention and punishment of these heinous acts.

On the other hand, rooted in customary international law, this Committee should not or modifying the area in the ICJ Statute, before State practice and opinio juris would not or of the new instrument.

In such a context, my Delegation cannot but express its concern for the fact that the ILC draft omits the definition of gender contained from Article



Moreover, no person should be expelled, returned, surrendered or