



STATEMENT
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Crimes against humanity are universally acknowledged as among the most serious offenses under international law. Their consequences, whenever and wherever they occur, inflict enduring harm on both victims and their nations always impact on the maintenance of international peace and security. Together with other Member States and international community, Viet Nam reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, adhering to the principles established in the United Nations Charter including respect for national sovereignty and non-interference in domestic affairs.

To manifest this commitment we have for long integrated it into our Criminal Code, which imposes the most severe penalties for such crimes. Viet Nam firmly believes that the prim

Viet Nam shares the view that further international efforts are necessary to prevent and punish these crimes. We thus commend the work of the International Law Commission in preparing draft provisions on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity which have laid the foundation for further discussions. The resumed sessions

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However, before delving into the negotiation process, the Committee should discuss and agree clearly about the negotiation rules for negotiators. In our view, the negotiations for an international treaty should only start when the international community is ready and be conducted on the consensus basis with good will and mutual respect towards a common goal. Accordingly, this process should move as carefully and cautiously as needed and require thoughtful deliberation and preparation within the United Nations framework, including by the Sixth Committee. Indeed, the United Nations is occupied with multiple requests to codify different sets of international rules and will need to prioritize the ones that could make the most impact on the global scale. At the juncture and considering the maturity of the discussion, this delegation is not yet convinced that this topic satisfies the level of urgency and priority that we would expect the UN as the unique global institution to react and spare limited resources with a new Convention where most countries themselves have already codified and criminalized in their domestic laws.

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In this context, we acknowledge the various views expressed regarding the proposed ways forward to foster our deliberation of this topic. Viet Nam remains ready to actively engage in and support efforts and mechanisms, based on consensus, to advance discussions on this critical issue within the United Nations, including in the Sixth Committee.

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