



**STATEMENT**

**by**

**Permanent Mission of the Republic of  
Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations, New York**

**on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)**

**on**

**Agenda Item 81: Report of the International Law Commission on the**

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, CARICOM extends its gratitude to the Chairman of the International Law Commission for his statement introducing the various clusters of the Report of the Commission on the work of its Sixty-ninth session and to commend the ILC on its work

We also welcome the decision for the ILC to hold its 70<sup>th</sup> Session in New York from 30 April to 1 June 2018. CARICOM is of the view that this will provide the opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the ILC and the Sixth Committee.

With your permission, Mr. Chairman, CARICOM would like to comment on some topics cutting across several clusters of the Report as we did not have the opportunity to

CARICOM reiterates its commitment and support and for the work completed by the ILC thus far on the draft articles on crimes against humanity. We also wish to commend Mr. Sean Murphy, the Special Rapporteur, for his continued hard work on the draft articles and report.

Consistent with the principles of international law, we welcome article 6 which calls for

States to take the necessary measures to ensure that crimes against humanity constitute

We agree with the use of article 53 of the 1969 Vienna Convention as a good starting place for the identification of criteria of fundamental values and encourage the Commission to

supplement or grow beyond the Convention.

Further analysis of the meaning of "fundamental values", particularly with regards to