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Armenia welcomes an open and inclusive process on the discussion of the draft articles on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. Building further cooperation on this important subject will be an important step towards a world, where the rights of people, no matter where they are, must be properly protected. Armenia recognizes the importance of the jus cogens character of the prohibition of crimes against humanity as reflected in the preamble of the text.

Note that a degree of consensus has been duly captured in the draft articles reflecting the shared objective of

Hundred years on, however, the ability of the international community to properly identify and react to crimes against humanity is still being considerably challenged. It has been said too many times before that crimes unpunished lead to recurrence and repetition. More often than not, at the heart of the crimes against humanity is a history of continued violations of fundamental human rights. Against the backdrop of the multiple ongoing challenges, including those caused by the global pandemic, particular elements of societies, where such history persists and where policieswhere