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Mr./Madam Chair,

The Czech Republic has been following the work of the International Law Commission and the 6th Committee on the topic of "Crimes against humanity" very closely. We fully align ourselves with the statement delivered by the representative of the European Union on behalf of the European Union and its Member States on this topic.

Despite being clearly recognized as crimes under international law, the crimes against humanity are not sufficiently regulated on the international level. The rules related to remaining categories of crimes under international law, such as genocide and war crimes, have already been codified in several international instruments. Crimes against humanity, however, still wait for such codification. This state does not reflect the gravity of crimes against humanity. Cruelty of these atrocities should lead us all to adoption of such norms that would clearly outlaw them and fill this considerable legal gap in international law.

In this context, I would also like to recall article 13 of the Charter of the United Nations,

and development of the international law as such, but also to prevent commission of