

the relevant United Nations conventions. Care should be taken to avoid introducing new definitions that could create uncertainty as to the interpretation of these terms.

Madam Chair,

7. Given the divergence of views, it is clear that more time is needed to allow all delegations to study the draft articles and ensure consistency with their national constitutions and laws. At the same time, it would be unwise to rush the process into using the draft ILC articles as the basis for a convention, or to convene an international conference for that purpose at this stage.

8. To bridge differences, a proposed way forward could be in the form of setting up a Working Group in the Sixth Committee to continue further discussions in order to arrive at a possible consensus. Only in this way it will be possible for any future Convention to be widely accepted by the international community, as well as, by those States who are not party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

9. In conclusion, my delegation believes that the draft articles should remain open to further in-depth discussions and consideration of member states in the Sixth Committee. It is important to focus on legal issues, avoid politicization and selectivity and create a framework that genuinely addresses the issue of accountability and impunity for crime against humanity, in full conformity with the principles and objectives of the UN Charter.

I thank you.
