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Madam Chair,

I thank you for giving me the floor.

Crimes against humanity is a despicable affront to human civilization. Bangladesh itself has experienced occurrence of this crime during its liberation war in 1971. Around three million innocent civilians lost their lives in a nine-month long war, while over two hundred thousand women were subjected to sexual violence.

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Madam Chair,

As you are aware the Rohingya have faced multiple forms of atrocities and human rights violations in Myanmar all of which need to be accounted for. In that spirit we are extending full support to all other accountability mechanisms, including the Independent Investigative Mechanism on Myanmar established by the Human Rights Council.

We believe ensuring justice and accountability for the perpetrators of the crimes hold the key to sustainable resolution of this complex and tragic crisis.

Madam Chair,

We believe, in the absence of full universalization of the Rome Statute, a dedicated international instrument will create an opportunity to unify all global efforts in the fight against impunity of the crime against humanity. In this regard, we thank the International Law Commission for drafting articles on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity in 2019 and submission of those articles to the General Assembly for consideration.

However, we regret that three years have passed and this committee is yet to reach consensus to establish a mechanism to facilitate the negotiation of the draft articles of the ILC. As a strong advocate of the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, we underscore the importance of having a structured mechanism to negotiate the draft articles of ILC at the soonest.

addressing impunity and cooperate with the relevant international justice mechanisms at all stages of investigation, trial and execution of verdicts.

I thank you all.