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The Gambia welcomes the preamble and draft article 1 as drafted. The historical context outlined in the preamble represents the views of my delegation as we envisaged the world free from crimes against humanity, which the draft articles provides perfect bases to prevent and punish. The identified under draft article 1 is logical, considering the need to prevent and the need to punish to avoid repetition of these crimes.

The Gambia recognizes the extraordinary nature of the resumed session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Committee, which has more to do with the importance we collectively attach to the topic under the agenda, the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. As a people, our shared values are guided and must be guided by the principles of international law norms which by anticipation states are expected to respect, by consenting to its practice therefore not by chance that we are gathered here to continue our work on crimes against humanity with a view to finding a lasting solution to crimes that no human should commit against another with impunity.

Since the conclusion of the draft articles on crimes against humanity in 2019, the sixth committee has continuously engaged debates that seem to have produced no clear path for the future of the draft articles or the recommendations provided by the International Law Commission (ILC). The

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Crimes against humanity are not acts

