

**Statement by the Republic of Türkiye  
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**CLUSTER 2**

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Thank you Madam Chair,

Regarding the second cluster, we would like to make the following observations and comments:

As we have highlighted in our previous statement, the definition and components of crimes against humanity are complex in many dimensions. Moreover, its key requirements, such as “widespread attack”, “systematic attack”, “attack directed against any civilian population” and “organizational policy to commit such an attack”, that are dealt with in draft Article 2, are ambiguous.

As Türkiye stated during the preparatory work of the Rome Statute earlier, we support upholding “conjunction” between the terms “widespread attack” and “systematic attack”. This is because of our concern about over-inclusiveness. We believe that, in order to avoid ambiguity, it may be preferable that the requirements of “widespread” and “systematic” are accepted as two distinct elements, both of which must be met, rather than alternative to one another.

It is argued that a major deviation from the definition in the Rome Statute may cause a dilemma for the state parties to the Statute. However, one should also bear in mind that, disregarding non-state parties’ concerns may also lead to that, only states parties to the Rome Statute embrace those

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