



Thank you Madam Chair,

been created between States is respected and upheld.

With regard to the issue of exception to extradition based on “political offences”, it seems that the current phrasing of the article is a bit restrictive. Since any future convention on this issue could not predict every scenario in the world, the scope of such a prohibition should be somewhat narrowed to allow for some discretion by the host state. Otherwise, we face a dangerous loophole that allows any state to circumvent due process of extradition simply by claiming that a person has committed crimes against humanity. We therefore contend that some discretion should be left to the host state, in line with current extradition law and practice. Such discretion should also apply to requests for mutual legal assistance.

Israel reiterates the value of safeguards in this cluster as a crucial inclusion which could ensure that the draft articles garner the wide acceptance of states while still remaining an effective tool for the punishment and prevention of crimes against humanity.

Thank you, Chair