

**On Draft Articles on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity
Cluster 1: Introductory provisions**

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Mr. Chair.

Please allow me to express my gratitude to you and the co-facilitators of the process as well as the Secretariat for the efforts made in convening the resumed session of the Sixth Committee. We would also like to commend the International Law Commission (ILC) for its efforts in providing the Draft Articles.

We reaffirm the Islamic Republic of Iran's steadfast commitment to the prevention and punishment of such horrendous crime and highlight our commitment to actively engage in the works of the Committee on this matter as we have actively

including this meeting. My delegation is not yet convinced that drafting a new convention could bring any added value to the existing international legal framework in this regard. Therefore, the draft Articles on the "Prevention and punishment of Crimes against Humanity" should remain open to further in-depth discussion and consideration of Member States in the Sixth Committee. An effective fight against crimes against humanity requires genuine and effective implementation of obligations free from double standards, politicization and selectivity; the solution is not fragmentation of international law on this matter.

The international community as a whole should not acquiesce to perpetration of such egregious crimes against Palestinians and