



Statement of the United Arab Emirates
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Agenda Item 80: Crimes Against humanity

Cluster 2: definition and general obligations
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Thank you, Chair.

x This is an important discussion, particularly in light of the continuing war on Gaza.

[Draft Article 2]

x The definition of crimes against humanity is among the most important draft articles because the rest of the draft articles hinge on the definition.

x We join other delegations in expressing the need for broad acceptance of this text. This requires a definition of crimes against humanity that can facilitate us reaching consensus. The definition of crimes against humanity should reflect the views of the international community as a whole, and should take account of existing definitions in national legislation of member states

x We note that under paragraph 3, the definition in Draft Article 2 is provided for in any international instrument, customary law or national law. Indeed, the UAE, like many other member states, has existing national legislation on the issue of crimes against humanity.

