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Mr. Chair,

Slovakia fully aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. My delegation fully recalls its comments made at the last year's debate; I will proceed by sharing only a few further comments and reflections on draft articles 6 and 7.

We have noted with interest a proposal to include the prohibition of granting pardons and amnesties in the draft article 6. My delegation expresses preparedness to discuss further the possibility of incorporating such provision within the context of

against humanity. Looking at draft articles, cause for introduction of a hierarchy seems even less compelling. Besides systematic order in which various jurisdictions are incorporated in draft article 7, State asserting jurisdiction based on the presence of an alleged offender has a notification obligation towards States of territorial and personal jurisdictions. These States with presumably closer link to the crime can thus assert their jurisdictions and request extradition. In that case, proper consultations between requested and requesting States shall be conducted and due consideration has to be given to a request by the State, under whose jurisdiction the alleged crime occurred. Overall, the draft article read in conjunction with draft articles 9 and 13 provide, in our view, sufficient guidance in this regard. Eventually, nothing in draft articles prevents States from agreeing on specific arrangements on a bilateral basis.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.