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Mr. Chair,

The Draft Articles should also uphold the dignity of victims, who have suffered greatly as a result of the crimes to which they have been subjected. In this regard, the current Draft Article 12 provides for some basic measures to protect the interests of victims and witnesses. These measures, however, should be further strengthened by enshrining in law the right of victims to receive compensation and assistance to repair the damage they have suffered and to facilitate their reintegration into society. Given that such assistance may not be readily available in the territorial State in which the crimes were committed, the Draft Articles should encourage the provision of v