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ON AGENDA ITEM 78: CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE 77TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, 11 OCTOBER 2022

Mr. Chair,

Malaysia stands firm by its belief in the rule of law and commitment to ending impunity. Malaysia has long held the position that genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes of aggression are the most serious crimes of concern to the international community. As such, the perpetrators of such crimes need to be brought to justice.

- 2. Malaysia reiterates the importance of accountability pertaining to the perpetrators of international crimes, including crimes against humanity. Investigation and prosecution of such offences, as well as international cooperation amongst States require our crucial attention. No violations and crimes should be treated as exceptions, and no culprits should be regarded as non-prosecutable.
- 3. Access to justice and universal standards of international law and international human rights law should be preserved and upheld for everyone, including for the Palestinians that have long suffered at the hands of the apartheid Israel regime, and, in

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4. Within Malaysia's current framework, perpetrator of crimes against humanity may be prosecuted under its general criminal laws, foremost of which, the Penal Code. International cooperation on this matter is mainly governed by the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 2002 (MACMA) and the Extradition Act 1992.

Mr. Chair,

5. Malaysia records and expresses its appreciation to the International Law Commission ("ILC") for its continuing contribution to the codification and progressive