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Sixth Committee

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Commission recommended the elaboration of a convention by the General Assembly of the United Nations by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the draft articles.

Romania welcomed this recommendation and favours developing the draft articles into a global convention, which will provide a strong legal basis for interstate cooperation on the prevention, investigation and prosecution of crimes against humanity.

Despite the encouraging level of engagement and interest from delegations, the discussions undertaken so far in the Sixth Committee have fallen short of a thorough consideration of the Commission's clear recommendation. Within the existing constraints and practices, Romania has tried to contribute to this process, from various roles and perspectives.

This session, we have a new opportunity to approach the way forward constructively and to agree on establishing a dedicated forum and timeframe which will allow for open and substantive exchanges between delegations on the basis of the Commission's recommendation.

We stand ready to engage in any negotiations which will ensure a meaningful and predictable process towards the elaboration of a convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, which should be a shared goal.

I thank you