

Sixth Committee Agenda item 78 Resumption of the seventy -seventh session

Crimes against Humanity Cluster 1: Introductory provisions (Preamble and Article 1)

Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany 10 April 2023

Germany fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union In particular, we share the deep recognition for the legacy of Ben Ferencz.

As a firm supporter of international criminal law, Germany attaches great importance to the project of a Convention on Crimes against Humanity based on the International Law $C' \bullet \bullet \cdot \cdot \bullet \bullet \cdot \cdot \bullet Dr$ aft Articles.

Crimes against Humanity are among the most serious crimes known to humankind. We are witnessing these atrocities too often, if not daily. Since the concept of Crimes against Humanity is well accepted, there mains an obvious gap outside the ICC framework.

There is currently no global convention governing the prevention and punishment of Orimes against Humanity, unlike with respect to genocide (the 1948 Genocide Convention) and war crimes(the 1949 Geneva Conventions)A new convention would complement treaty law on the most serious crimes and foster intestate cooperation with regard to their prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment.

We need to close this gap in order to strengthe**a**ccountability and bring such crimes to justice universally, in particular by promoting prevention and punishment at the national levels as stipulated in the Title and Article 10f the draft articles.

Germany welcomed the recommendations agreed within the International Law Commission, whichenjoy wide support throughout the international community. Since concerns and suggestions by various partners have been thoroughly evaluated and discussed, we feel that it is time to move forward and to proceed with elaborating a convention on this solid basis.

We trust that this Resumed Session leads to a structured process to *é* at y negotiations bas $\ddagger \uparrow \cdot \bullet - \check{S} \ddagger$ ärticles *f* and that the exchange of views throughout this week allows all participants to join a decision towards this end.

To contribute to this effort, France and Germany organised a Workshop on the oject of a Convention, which t