Resumed session – Crimes against humanity (Cluster 1) Statement of Italy – delivered by Mr Enrico Milano

Thank you Mr Chair,

Since it is the first time my delegation is taking the floor during this resumed session, allow me to assure you of my delegation's support in the performance of your function during the present resumed session.

Mr Chair,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union on Wednesday.

Italy presents these remarks in a preliminary manner and reserves the right to complement or revise them in due course, including in the resumed session scheduled for April 2024.

Mr Chair,

Italy has always been at the forefront in international efforts to promote the rule of law and full accountability for the most heinous crimes. Italy also remains a strong supporter of the role of the International Law Commission in stimulating the codification and progressive development of international law; we are of the view that the recommendations of the ILC with regard to its legal products must be consistently considered and reviewed with the utmost attention and engagement by Member States, especially within the Sixth Committee of the General Asse articles have not been elaborated in a vacuum: since the 1990s we have seen the creation of a number of international courts and tribunals entitled to prosecute and punish international crimes, including crimes against humanity. That includes the International Criminal Court, whose Rome Statute celebrates this year its 25th anniversary. For this reason