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Madam Chair, thank you for giving me the floor.

Mr. Chairman May I congratulate you on your re-assumption of the chair. My grateful thanks and good wishes go out to our co-facilitators.

During the last century, millions of human beings perished as a result of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and other serious crimes. As envisaged in the preamble to the draft, women, men, and children have been the victims of crimes that deeply shock the conscience of humanity. It is a living reality that we experience in contemporary times. Reality that continues to threaten the peace, security, and well-Irl-2000 wellEeac-Te4akb

occurred at a United Nations Conference in July 1998, when the Rome Statute of the International