

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and my own country -Sweden.

Crimes against humanity are among the most serious crimes of international concern. Confronted with a rise in atrocity crimes worldwide, we must remain steadfast in our efforts to prevent these horrendous crimes and punish their perpetrators. The lack of a dedicated convention on crimes against humanity is a significant gap in international treaty law – a gap that the international community must fill without delay.

The Nordic countries are convinced that a convention on crimes against humanity would