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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, my delegation would like to thank the Secretariat, current and previous Bureaus, and co-facilitators for preparing and steering our deliberations for two years. We equally appreciate a vivid and constructive engagement of delegations. Together with the last year's session, we believe that this week will have provided for a robust exchange of substantive views on the draft articles. We hope that such exchange will further foster mutual understanding among States, and thus lay solid grounds for a decisive action of the Sxth Committee in the autumn to move ahead with negotiations of a convention.

Before diving into individual clusters, I would like to make a few general remarks. The set of draft articles is in our view a high-quality and well-balanced product of the Commission providing excellent basis for diplomatic conference. Due regard to existing jurisprudence and treaty law, precise drafting, not overly prescriptive yet clearly formulated obligations with sufficiently explanatory commentaries are just a few examples of what we mean by high-quality and well-balanced product. Despite being repetitive since 2019, it is worth not forgetting about looking at draft articles as a compact product, not only individually. We recall our appreciation of the work done by of the Commission and particularly by the Special Rapporteur, Professor Sean Murphy.

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importance towards eradication of these crimes. It seems hard for us to believe that situation would be same with a dedicated treaty, rather than with current . Besides imposing clear obligations on States, such convention would be a recognition of suffering of victims of these crimes and a clear signal that international community does not stand indifferent to their fate.

2) The preamble of a treaty should not, in our perspective, be a detailed index of its provisions or a textbook of International Law. It is with these lenses that we do not see compelling reasons for the draft preamble to include provisions