

Sixth Committee Resumed session

Crimes against Humanity

Cluster 3

Statement of Italy

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Thank you Mr/Mdm Chair.

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union and would like to addsome remarks in a national capacity.

Mr Chair/Mdm Chair,

Italy is generally supportive of draft Article 6 as drafted. Similarly to what is provided under the 1948 Genocide Convention, the 1984 UN Torture Convention and the 2006 UN Convention on Enforced Disappearance, Article 6 sets outthe obligation of criminalization of typical conducts associated withcrimes against humanity under the national law of any State Party the future agreement This is an important obligation since it is instrumental to limiting the legal gaps in national legislation that may facilitate impunity for the motsheinous crimes.

In line with the jurisprudence of international criminal courts and tribunals, Italy is also supportive of the provisions in Article 6 related to the responsibility of commanders and superiors and the non-invocability of superior orders as a cause excluding criminal responsibility. The latter may in some cases lead to mitigation in punishment.

With regard to paragraph 5 of Article 6 Italy has taken note of the assertion contained in the ... '•• $\ddagger \bullet -f$ " $\rightarrow \bullet f$ " f "

Law Commission in the context of its workof immunity of state officials. That is without prejudice to the personal immunities of Heads of States, Heads of Governments and Foreign Ministers when in office, subject to the obligations arising from the mechanisms of cooperation with international courts, as those provided in the Rome Statute

Given their gravity, Italy is also supportive of the nonapplicability of statute of limitations to crimes against humanityin accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 6