Sixth Committee (Legal) — 78th session

Crimes Against Humanity

Portugal

Cluster 5: Safeguard Articles 5, 11 and 2)

MadamChair,

Portugal aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to offer the following comments in its national capacity.

Our position on the draft articles under this cluster is known and has been restated again at last year's resumed session of the Sixth Committee. Allow me toighlight some of its main features, takingalso into consideration the statments of the many delegations that have intervened on this cluster todays well aslast year.

Madam Chair,

We welcome the explicit reference to the principlenonn

a key role in the prevention of crimes

Madam Chair,

Moreover, we support the principle contained in paragraph 3 according to which victims have the right to obtain reparation for both material and moral damages. Nevertheless, we wouldprefer a standalone article dealing specifically with reparation that would give greater centrality and importance to this right and to the obligation of States to ensure such right of the victims.

Thank you.