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Mr. Chairman, distinguished colleagues,

It is a special privilege to address this Committee on the work of the International Law Commission relating to the topic "Crimes against humanity". Let me express our appreciation for the very informative and comprehensive First report prepared by Special Rapporteur Mr. Sean Murphey, as well as for the presentation of the (first) four provisionally adopted draft Articles. Croatia strongly supports all efforts aimed at developing a global international instrument for the prevention,

In that context, and starting from the history of the notion of crimes against humanity, basic elements contained in the definition of that notion and the current stage

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, one last, (almost editorial remark), which concerns the provisionally adopted draft Article 3. l.j and 3 .2.h, where - instead of currently deployed, but slightly outdated as well as very specific term "apartheid" (although fully aware of Article 7.2.h of the Rome Statute) - we would rather see a more general and comprehensive notion of "racial discrimination or segregation".

Mr. Chairman, distinguished colleagues, thank you for your attention.