



SIXTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairperson,

Israel attaches great importance to the work of the International Law Commission on this topic, and welcomed it from the outset, as an expression of its consistent commitment to the prevention and punishment of grave international crimes of concern to the international community as a whole, including crimes against humanity. In the interest of time, and due to the circumstances imposed on the work of the Sixth Committee because of the COVID-19

importance of the subject matter, it seems inadvisable to regard the current draft articles automatically appropriate that States be given adequate time to review and consolidate their positions and effectively address outstanding issues in a process informed by the work of the Commission on this topic as a basis for such discussion. Therefore, Israel would like to reiterate its suggestion to establish a forum in the framework of the Sixth Committee in which States would come prepared to review this matter, and engage in an inclusive, robust, and efficient discussion focused on clarifying outstanding issues and resolving significant differences towards the potential elaboration of a convention.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.