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Mr. Chair,

The ILC work on the topic of crimes against humanity seeks to fulfill an important gap in the international system, which already relies on global conventions to prevent and punish genocide and war crimes. Brazil has supported this process since its inception, and we consider that the set of draft articles presented to us by the International Law Commission is a good basis to guide our discussions.

History shows that the most serious crimes of concern to the international community can be intertwined with the apparatus of States. The individual and State responsibilities thus become complementary. One does not exclude the other; on the contrary, both need to be equally upheld so as to combat impunity and to strengthen international law.

The Sixth Committee has an unfulfilled task for this session, which is to agree on a structured process of drafting a convention that could be universally ratified. For that end, it is imperative to prioritize a negotiation framework that provides the legitimacy and inclusiveness needed to the discussions. Brazil is ready to engage in this exercise. In light of the variety of views expressed in this Committee over the past years, Brazil believes it is now time to move our discussion into a structured conversation