Statement to be delivered in Sixth Committee by Pakistan on Agenda Item 78

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Mr. Chair,

Pakistan appreciates the work c arried out by the International Law Commission (ILC) in preparing the draft articles on this topic.

- 2. Crimes against humanity are among the most se rious crimes of concern to the international community. International community should work together to end impunity for perpetrators and provide justice for victims.
- 3. In this UHJDUG WKH & RPPLartiv/lesRand-commentaries are a good source of guidance for the member states to strengthen accountability for these crimes.

Mr. Chair,

- 4. While the work of the ILC could be considered as a usef ul starting point, it is still premature to draw any concrete conclusion on the nature and format of the draft Articles without having any in -depth discussions on them first.
- 5. We have read with interest the numerous writt en submissions by others, many of which contain very detailed comments. These sub missions contain many valuable ideas, but also demonstrate that there remains some divergence in views.

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7. Likewise, it must be ensured that the defin itions s et forth in the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes again st humanity for such crimes as enslavement, torture and enforced disappearance are consistent with those used in the relevant United Nations conventions. Care should be take n to avoid introducing new definitions that could create uncertainty as to the interpretation of these terms.