

**Statement on behalf of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia
by Elvira Cupika-Mavrina, Legal advisor of Latvia to the United
Nations
at the Resumed Sixth Committee Session
"Crimes against humanity"
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Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honor to speak today on behalf of the three Baltic States – Estonia, Lithuania and my own country, Latvia.

The Baltic States align with the statement made by the
European Union (2011) for the United Nations Human Rights Council

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Secondly, on Article 1 (scope):

We welcome the draft Article 1 in its current form, since it can help to ensure that those who commit such crimes are not able to escape justice. It indicates that the draft articles are applicable both to the prevention and to the punishment of crimes against humanity. Article 1 clearly sets out that the draft articles focus solely on crimes against humanity, which are grave international crimes wherever they occur. Thus, if they were adopted, they would provide further guidance and clarity in prevention and punishment for such heinous crimes.

I thank you!