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Thank you Mr/Madam Chair.

1. As this is the first time the UK has taken the floor during this resumed session, first let me thank the Bureau and Secretariat for putting together the excellent programme and modalities. The UK is delighted that we have an

6. Turning now to the preamble:

Preamble

7. The preamble rightly starts off by recognising the horror caused by crimes against humanity and the threat such crimes pose to us all. This is the critical context from which the convention arises. It then highlights some critical aspects of the draft Articles including tackling impunity, prevention of such crimes, the rights of victims and witnesses as well as offenders, and the need for effective prosecution.
8. The UK is cognisant of the significant impact that crimes against humanity have had on people across the world, regardless of their age or gender. Accordingly, we would support changing paragraph one of the preamble so that it refers to people
9. The UK would be interested to hear the views of the other Committee members on including language in the preamble around the importance of a survivor-centred approach to punishing crimes against humanity and including a reference to reparation for material and moral damage, which is further

of States exercising their criminal jurisdiction with respect to crimes against humanity.

Draft Article 1 Scope

12. Finally, turning to Article 1, the UK is content with this Article which simply highlights the two core aims of the Articles: prevention and punishment.

Thank you.