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Thank you, M Chair,

hope to learn more about opposing views in this regard. Referring to the definition of crimes against humanity as set forth in the Rome Statute ensures a consistent codification of customary international law. In our view, it is important to highlight the last preambular paragraph which underlines the ambition that effective prosecution of crimes against humanity can only be ensured by complementing measures at national level with international tools such as extradition.

The scope of a future convention (as stated in Article 1) will apply to the prevention and the punishment of crimes against humanity. Nevertheless, matters that may not be covered by a future convention would still by a large extent be regulated by customary international law. Other grave international crimes such as genocide or war crimes should remain regulated by dedicated conventions and not be touched upon by the convention in question.

Thank you.