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- 2. While taking note of the commentary provided in Preambular 3, we are of the view, and given the distinct nature of the draft articles and the crime therein, that reference to principles of justice should also be mentioned, in accordance with Article 1 of the UN Charter;
- 3. It is important that Preambular 4 recalls that the prohibition of crimes against humanity is not only a rule under customary international law but is also a jus cogens with certain obligation s, of which no derogation can be permitted, and with particular consequences
- 4. While it is important to recall that crimes against humanity are among the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole, it is equally important to recall in Preambular 5 that it entails not only an obligation in terms of prevention b ut also in terms of prosecution;
- Ending impunity is not only to deter or prevent the commission of these crimes but also to ensure accountability for those who nevertheless do commit them and that should be duly reflected in Preambular 6;
- 7. The State of Palestine is a strong supporter of a victim-oriented approach. We welcome the reference to victims and witnesses in Preambular 9. This reference is an explicit recognition of the indispensable role of the victims and witnesses in prevention and punishment of crimes

principle, we do not believe it should be addressed in the same paragraph as the rights of victims and witnesses;

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