



STATEMENT
By the Delegation of Viet Nam
at the Sixth Committee of the 78th Session of the General Assembly
Agenda item 80 Crimes against humanity

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Madam Chair,

Viet Nam reiterates its appreciation to the work of the International Law Commission and the Special Rapporteur on this topic. Crimes against humanity are among the most serious crimes under international law. Their scales and consequences shock the world, cause immeasurable suffering and leave lasting scars on the victims, their families and societies. We view that Commission's draft articles and commentaries are important contribution to the international

by all methods, including by strengthening international cooperation. Resort to international criminal mechanisms should take place, as complementary method, only after all national measures have been exhausted. We stress the importance of providing technical assistance to develop national capacities in the fields of investigation and prosecution of crimes against humanity. Only with measures at national levels can we be able to address such crimes and their root causes in a comprehensive and long-term manner, taking into account their complexities.

Madam Chair,

We are of the view that the elaboration of a convention by the General Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the draft articles requires a thoughtful and thorough deliberation process within the UN framework, including the Sixth Committee. The necessity of such convention and its formation should be carefully examined, including in the context of