



Turning to Draft Article 8, we support a provision requiring States to conduct investigations of crimes against humanity. Such a duty is critical if crimes against humanity are to be effectively prevented and punished. However, aspects of Draft Article 8 may warrant further discussion. For example, it is important for States to investigate allegations that their officials have committed crimes against humanity abroad.

Finally, with respect to Draft Articles 8, 9, and 10, the United States believes further clarification regarding the situation of alleged offenders who have already been the subject of genuine investigation or other proceedings by their State of nationality should be considered. It could be a source of international tension if persons who already were genuinely investigated or even prosecuted for allegations of crimes against humanity by a State were the subject of duplicative or conflicting proceedings in another State.

Thank you, Madam Chair.