

Sixth Committee (Legal) — 78th session

Crimes Against Humanity

Portugal

Cluster 5: Safeguards (Articles 5, 11 and 2)

Madam Chair,

Portugal aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to offer the following comments in its national capacity.

Our position on the draft articles under this cluster is known and has been restated again at last year's resumed session of the Sixth Committee. Allow me to highlight some of its main features, taking also into consideration the statements of the many delegations that have intervened on this cluster today as well as last year.

Madam Chair,

We welcome the explicit reference to the principle of

a key role in the prevention of crimes

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Moreover, we support the principle contained in paragraph 3 according to which victims have the right to obtain reparation for both material and moral damages. Nevertheless, we would prefer a standalone article dealing specifically with reparation that would give greater centrality and importance to this right and to the obligation of States to ensure such right of the victims.

Thank you.