

United States Statement
April 2024 Resumed Session of the Sixth Committee:
Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity
ILC Recommendation
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Thank you, Mr. Chair. The United States welcomes the opportunity to address the recommendation.

The United States recognizes that a convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity could serve important purposes by strengthening the international legal framework for preventing and punishing crimes against humanity.

The process over the past two years has been extraordinarily fruitful. We have appreciated the opportunity during last year's resumed sessions of the Sixth Committee, to have a robust, in-depth discussion of the substance of the draft articles. Having a dedicated time and space during resumed sessions to engage in this intensive debate has proven very beneficial. We have also benefited from the written submissions made by so many Member States. In 2022, the General Assembly decided that the Sixth Committee would take a decision during the resumed session on this matter. The United States supports the Sixth Committee taking a decision in October to begin a process to negotiate a convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. We also look forward to engaging on modalities for any future negotiation.

all substantive aspects of these draft articles in order to achieve consensus on a decision to launch a treaty negotiation process.

Thank you, M. Chair.