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Crimes against Humanity

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Germany fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union.

As a firm supporter of international criminal law, Germany continues to attach great importance to a Convention on Crimes against Humanity, based on the International Law

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Introductory Observations

Seventy-Seven years after the Nuremberg trials, and over a century since the adoption of The Hague Conventions, the international community faces a pivotal moment with the opportunity to reach a new milestone in the common fight against impunity: a Convention governing the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. No such global Convention currently exists ”unlike with respect to genocide and war crimes.

Not only would the envisioned C ë ä ~ ä È ë ä È — ú ä ~ þ þ ä — È ë ä — Ý t Ý ~ ã — Ý þ investigate, prosecute and punish crimes against humanity it would also constitute a new cornerstone of robust inter-state cooperation. Such a Convention could facilitate the harmonization of national laws and thus strengthen the complementary nature of global efforts to fight impunity ”an endeavor perhaps more pressing than ever.

Germany would like to take this opportunity to thank the International Law Commission once again for the draft articles. They stand as a solid foundation for the elaboration of a Convention.

Observations concerning the process

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