



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 80
CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY**

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Thank you Chair

1. My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Group by the distinguished Representative of Uganda and makes the following additional remarks in national capacity
2. Chair, in the interest of humanity, we must all share the collective responsibility to prevent crimes against humanity and the impunity that is central to that responsibility is the importance of accountability towards the ends of justice and by extension peace, stability and social and economic wellbeing.
3. This responsibility further implies that domestic law must be at the front line in setting pace for the prevention, punishment and accountability for crimes against humanity. Therefore, we acknowledge the relevant laws in place in our various national jurisdictions and regional and other international mechanisms developed in complementarity, while mindful of the overarching principle of sovereignty and the sovereign equality of all Member States

to develop and strengthen their own national capacities for tackling crimes against humanity and provide the necessary structure for international cooperation starting from within their respective regions.

8. We remain committed to constructive discussions aimed at moving forwards and towards building stronger consensus in this regard.

Thank you.