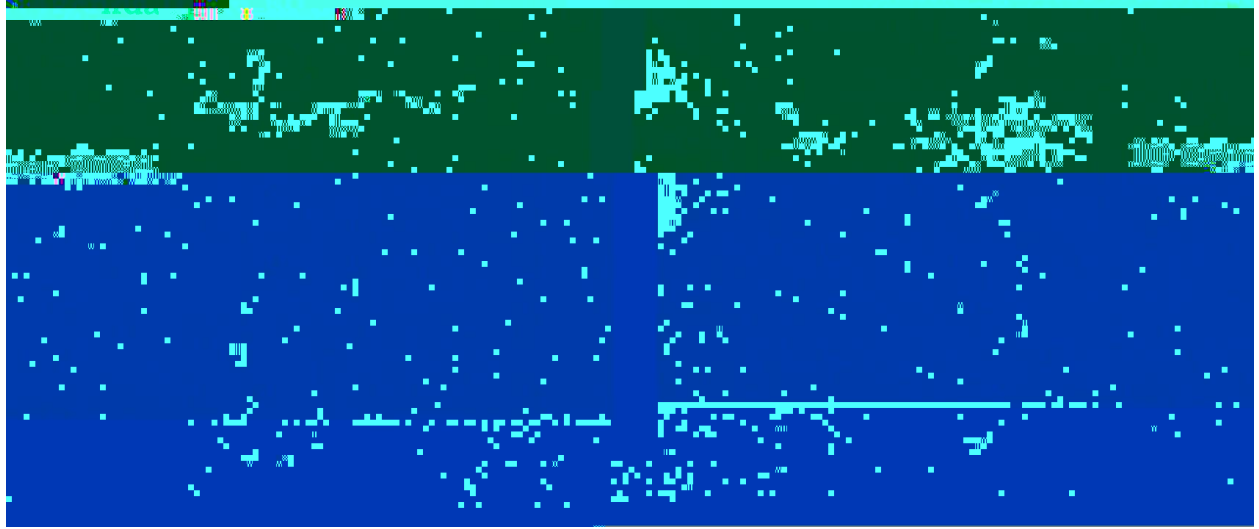




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On  
**Crime Against Humanity**



Nigeria aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished Representative of Uganda on behalf of the African Group. I wish to make the following statements in my national capacity.

2. Crimes Against Humanity continue to be of interest to my

decision of the Commission to delete para 3 of the article based on written comments submitted by some group of states. This process should be devoid of selectivity and double standards. Crimes Against Humanity, as codified in the founding Statute of the International Criminal Tribunals and International laws, should be respected, and fully implemented, accordingly.

5. My delegation further supports the expansion of the scope of the definition of Crime Against Humanity and this is not limited to as provided in the ILC draft article, in addition to including slavery, slave trade, colonialism and the illegal exploitation of resources. We all recall the evil of slavery and slave trade and the structural and institutional consequences which continues to affect the African continent and the people of African descent, and the inhuman acts perpetuated in the history of humankind. These are not captured in either the Convention on War crimes or Genocide.

6. The African position is clear to eradicate all forms of colonialism from Africa. The underdevelopment of the continent can be explained by its history of over 400 years of slave raiding of strong men, women including children depriving them of their human dignity, freedom, and identity. This is indeed the highest form of crime against humanity. The legacy of slave trade, slavery, colonialism and exploitation of resources and its effects are still visible and continue to undermine efforts to bring transformation and sustainable development to the continent and its peoples.

7. More than 60% of us seated here are victims of slavery and slave trade directly or indirectly. We therefore support the call to hold the perpetrators accountable for these heinous crimes and to demand justice. The people of the African descent have not been given compensation or reparations on the heinous and inhuman acts committed on the continent and its people. This is unjustifiable in addition to the cultural values plundered during colonialism which are still generating huge revenues for the perpetrators. The demand for reparations is reasonable to address the economic deficits created by colonialism, slavery and slave trade. The future convention on crime against humanity should address and ensure the payment of reparations for the devastating impacts on the victims. My delegation proposes to include in the future convention a mechanism on timeline for payments of reparations to victims of crime against humanity including prosecution according to legal proceeding for defaulters.

8. Mr. Chair, my delegation strongly welcomes this convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crime Against humanity as well as to address some of the issues raised above, including the generational impact. We will continue to collaborate with the international community with the view to ensuring that international legal frameworks for preventing and punishing such heinous crimes are always fully applied.

9. My delegation rejects any resolution or conference that attempts to distract this process. We exchanged substantive views during the two sessions therefore we should build on the gains and proceed with negotiations.

10. The world indeed needs a convention to criminalize crime against humanity and the only way we can achieve our goal to eradicate the heinous crimes including addressing the situation in Gaza is to be transparent and inclusive in the future convention.

I thank you