



Statement by His Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See
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Mr. Chair,

Since this is my first intervention in this Committee in my capacity as Permanent Observer of the Holy See, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Co-facilitators for guiding the debate on this topic during this year.

Mr. Chair,

Customary international law has in humanity as a multilateral, legally binding instrument, codifying the existing law in this area, would facilitate international cooperation for prevention and punishment of these heinous acts.

On the other hand, if this Committee should not support the draft instrument or modifying the area of the ILC Statute, before State practice and opinio juris are fully developed, would not only hinder the development of the new instrument.

Moreover, no person should be expelled, returned, surrendered or