

Mr./ Madam Chair,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and my own country Sweden.

The Nordic countries would like to welcome the Report of the Secretary-General (A/79/174) on the status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, and the useful update it provides. The universalization and full implementation of the Geneva Conventions and their additional protocols is central to ensuring compliance.

Mr./ Madam Chair,

The Nordic countries fully support the International Criminal Court in fighting impunity, by investigating and prosecuting the most serious international crimes.

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