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recognizes the importance of this project and the gravity of this subject. An ad hoc committee should consider modalities of work that would enable a substantive and thorough exchange of views by States on the project. Q G R Q W K H & R P P L V V L R Q ¶ V U H F R P P H Q G D W convention by the General Assembly or by a conference of States on the basis of the final draft articles.

We believe that this approach would have the greatest probability of ensuring that a future convention based on the draft articles would be effective in practice and widely ratified by States. Advancing discussion of this project towards the elaboration of a convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity should be a shared goal. Anything less would fall short of filling this critical gap in the international legal framework.

Thank you, Chair.