

## PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION.

As we deliberate on the draft articles proposed by the International Law Commission (ILC) on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, our endeavor should be consistent with the Charter of the United Nations and the universally recognized principles of international law.

While discussing the draft articles, it is important to take in account prevailing divergent legal systems with due respect to the principle of sovereign equality of states. This aspect is critical to the success of any Convention. Any attempt to simply transposing already existing legal regimes into a draft convention, will be a futile exercise.

The draft articles are inspired by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal

Furthermore, a selective application of such a prospective convention, is a matter concern for States who are not parties to conventions including Rome Statute.

The objective of international law is upholding the age-old universal value of humanity. Thus, any serious violations of international law are contrary to the spirit and aims of the United Nations. The Member States have the responsibility and obligation to ensure justice and accountability for gravest violations of human rights and mass atrocities, in line with their national legislations.