

Mr. Chair,

My delegation fully aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union.

Given ~~the~~ longstanding support for strengthening international law and the rule of law, it is a particular honour for me to address the Sixth Committee on behalf of Austria for the first time in its 75th session and for the first time since taking up my position as Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN. I

Furthermore, we heard the comments made on specific draft articles asking for further discussion among states of outstanding issues, such as the implications of the ~~the~~ clause in draft article 2(3), the conditions for the establishment of national jurisdiction for crimes against humanity, or the provision of procedural safeguards against politically motivated prosecutions.

In order to discuss these issues, we should establish an adequate forum and efficient consultation process that allows for in-depth discussions. We suggest the establishment of an ad-hoc committee for the intersessional period, with a specific mandate and timeline.

We urge the Sixth Committee to find consensus on the way ahead for this very important issue.

Thank you.