

Statement by Sweden on behalf of the Nordic countries
(Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden)

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

Among the core international crimes are the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity. Despite being clearly prohibited under international law, civilian populations continue to be victims of crimes against humanity and perpetrators continue to act with impunity. We must redouble our efforts to prevent and punish these heinous crimes, which are of concern to the international community as a whole.

Mme/Mr Chair,

The Nordic countries continue to fully support the ILC recommendation to elaborate a convention on crimes against humanity. A convention on the basis of the Draft Articles would strengthen the international criminal justice system and contribute to strengthening national laws and criminal jurisdiction in the fight against impunity for crimes against humanity. It would be an important addition to the international legal framework and promote interstate cooperation and efficient investigations.

Mme/Mr Chair ,

There is substantial support among states to move forward towards the elaboration of a convention.