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Crimes against humanity

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Crimes against humanity” was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution [75/136](#) of 15 December 2020.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2021, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 8th, 9th and 29th meetings, on 13 and 15 October and on 18 November 2021. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.6/76/L.17](#)

4. At the 29th meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Singapore, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Crimes against humanity” ([A/C.6/76/L.17](#)).
5. The representatives of Mexico, Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union and its member States, as well as Albania, Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Georgia, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Jordan, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Switzerland and Ukraine), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America spoke in explanation of position prior to action on the draft resolution.

¹ [A/C.6/76/SR.8](#), [A/C.6/76/SR.9](#) and [A/C.6/76/SR.29](#).



6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/76/L.17](#) without a vote (see para. 8).

7. The representative of Israel spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Crimes against humanity

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter IV of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-first session,¹ which contains the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity,

Recalling that the Commission decided to recommend the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity to the General Assembly and recommended the elaboration of a convention by the Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the draft articles,²

Emphasizing the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the need to prevent and punish crimes against humanity, which are among the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole,

Recalling its resolutions [74/187](#) of 18 December 2019 and [75/136](#) of 15 December 2020, by which it took note of the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for its continuing contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law;

2. *Takes note once again* of the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, presented by the Commission;³

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh session the item entitled “Crimes against humanity” and to continue to examine the recommendation of the Commission contained in paragraph 42 of its report on the work of its seventy-first session.

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/74/10).*

² *Ibid.*, para. 42.

³ *Ibid.*, chap. IV, sect. E.