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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-fifth session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution [74/187](#) of 18 December 2019.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, 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 5th, 6th and 19th meetings, on 14 and 15 October and on 19 November 2020. 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.6/75/L.20](#)

4. At the 19th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Georgia, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Crimes against humanity” ([A/C.6/75/L.20](#)).
5. The representative of Mexico, also on behalf of Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Lebanon, Norway, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland, spoke in explanation of position prior to action on the draft resolution.
6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/75/L.20](#) without a vote (see para. 7).

¹ [A/C.6/75/SR.5](#), [A/C.6/75/SR.6](#) and [A/C.6/75/SR.19](#).



III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. 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,

Noting 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 resolution 74/187 of 18 December 2019, by which it took note of the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, contained in chapter IV of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-first session,

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* 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-sixth 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.