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Introductory Note

This document is a compilation of government reactions to the International Law Commission's Draft Articles on Crimes Against Humanity during the United Nations General Assembly Sixth Committee's 78th Session and notes country support for the 2019 ILC Draft Articles on Crimes Against Humanity during the meetings of the Sixth Committee on 11th and 12th October 2023. A link for each full statement has been provided in the Compilation Report when available. Government reactions have been grouped into the following five categories:

Code	Description
Very Supportive	Very supportive of the CAH Draft Articles
Supportive	Supportive of the CAH Draft Articles
Neutral	Neutral, but not opposed to the CAH Draft Articles
Negative	Negative, but offers constructive criticism
Opposed	Opposed to the CAH Draft Articles

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Summary Table of Support for the Resolution

The table included below indicates country support for the International Law Commission's Draft Articles on Crimes Against Humanity during the United Nations General Assembly Sixth Committee's 78th Session. The table includes countries that did not speak during the United Nations General Assembly Sixth Committee's 78th Session in October 2023, but aligned with the statement made by the Gambia on behalf of the Cross-Regional Group of 86 Member States and the European Union.

Summary Table of Support for the Resolution	
Very Supportive	92
Supportive	16
Total Supportive Countries	108
Neutral	9
Negative	6
Opposed	3
Total Negative Countries	9

78th Session of the UNGA Sixth Committee

		<u>Compilation of Government Statements during the Sixth Committee Sessions October 2023</u>			
Country	Speaker, Date, and Time	Official Statement	Link to Statement	Coding for Statements	Co-Signed Statements
Afghanistan	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
African Group	Delivered by Delegation of Uganda, Oct 11, 02:02:56 (3pm-6pm)	"The African Group is available to engage in meaningful and substantive discussions with a focus on building consensus . . . the African Group shares concerns about the ILC's decision to opt for the exclusion of the definition of the term gender in the draft articles . . . [we] call for the inclusion of slavery and exploitation in all forms as a crimes against humanity . . . The fundamental legal concepts of territory integrity, sovereign equality and non-interference in the internal affairs of states enshrined in the UN Charter should be mentioned in the draft articles . . . the African group shares the view that to effectively combat impunity an efficient legal framework in line with accepted international legal instruments is needed . . . We should continue to engage positively in an inclusive, open, and transparent debate at the resume session next April, using all the time necessary for the proper and clear appreciation of the draft articles. "	No statement published.	Supportive	Aligned with African Group.
Albania	Mr. Shkelqim Laboti; Oct. 12, 00:18:24 (3pm-6pm).	"Justice to be delivered needs a legal framework and international rules and regulations. It is of paramount importance to fill the existing gap in the international treaty framework. In this regard, we commend the work of the International Law Commission and the Special Rapporteur in drafting the relevant articles . . . Albania supports efforts and welcome the discussions on the draft treaty for Crimes Against Humanity which is a "condictio sine qua non" to hold those responsible to account . . . Focus must be given to women and children who suffer most. We need to invest more in victims' protection programs and a whole of society approach is more than vital . . . The convention on crimes against humanity is the step needed to achieve justice for all."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_albania.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.

Algeria	Algerian Delegation, Oct. 12, 01:54:13 (3pm - 6pm)	Unofficial translation. "We believe that the ILC Draft Articles on the prevention and punishment of CAH contain a number of positive elements that can serve as a basis for further discussion in the Sixth Committee . . . however, we still have a number of concerns about the large amount of ambiguity in the Draft Articles. The Articles require further discussions within the Sixth Committee, particularly as they incorporate legal texts that have not been accepted by all states—such as the Rome Statute and its promise of Universal Jurisdiction . . . The Draft Articles do not currently reflect the state of accepted international law, including inter alia, Draft Article 6, Paragraph 5 There is a need to define terms in the Draft Articles that are enshrined within international conventions so that states can use those terms in their own national legislation There is a great divergence of opinions—a wide ranging one—with regard to the Draft Articles’ content and the form that they will take in the future . . . it is premature today to take a decision in the Sixth Committee regarding the Draft Articles . . . or to call for a diplomatic conference to adopt it in the form of an international agreement. It would be therefore desirable to give member States some latitude to examine in depth these Draft Articles pursuant to their own national legislation without this leading to the imposition of any views that are not unanimous . . . Algeria welcomes all future discussions of a constructive nature regarding the Draft Articles in the Resumed Session in April 2024."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_algeria.pdf	Neutral	Aligned with African Group.
Andorra	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Argentina	Argentinian Delegation, Oct. 12, 00:44:49 (10am - 3pm)	Unofficial translation. "When the ILC presented the draft articles on CAH in 2019, a significant majority of delegations, including my country, were ready to proceed rapidly towards drafting a convention as recommended by the ILC... [Argentina] believes that a legally binding international instrument on the Prevention and Punishment of CAH will consolidate the legal edifice of international criminal law."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_argentina.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Armenia	Mr. Mher Margaryan, Oct.12, 00:01:09 (3pm - 6pm)	"Adopting a convention for the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity can offer an important legal tool by facilitating national investigations, prosecutions and punishments and by fostering international cooperation to this end, while filling a perceived gap by adding to the treaties on the prevention and punishment of genocide and war crimes A new UN convention defining the crimes against humanity, including extermination, forcible transfer of population and intentionally causing great suffering, is essential in strengthening prevention toolbox of the international community."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_armenia.pdf	Very Supportive	N/A
Australia	N/A	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with CANZ (Canada, Australia, New Zealand)	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with CANZ and the cross regional group.

Austria	Mr. Maximilian Gorke, Oct.11, 02:40:49 (10am - pm)	"While crimes against humanity are already established crimes under customary international law, there exists a gap in international treaty law on its criminalization and legal cooperation. A future convention would also be a strong signal that these international crimes cannot go unpunished . . . A dedicated convention based on the ILC draft articles would ensure consistency in the international criminal justice system . . . [Austria] supports the early convening of a diplomatic conference to finalize and adopt an international convention on the basis of the draft articles."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_austria.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan Delegation, Oct.12, 02:37:35 (3pm - 6pm)	"The statement made by the representative of Armenia raises the obvious question as to whether he's aware of the draft articles developed by the International Law Commission and its recommendations in that regard, as well as about the functions of the Sixth Committee and the topic under consideration."	No statement published.	Neutral	n/a
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Delegation, Oct.11, 00:26:58 (10am - 3pm)	"The draft articles of the ILC on the Prevention and Punishment of CAH provide a solid foundation for a potential future convention to be shaped through inclusive and active participation by all stakeholders in the negotiation of these articles . . . Our optimism is high as we look forward to the upcoming Resumed Session . . . We anticipate that it will build up on the progress made so far further depending on our comprehension of the articles and potentially paving the way for consensus in the future."	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Belarus	Belarus Delegation, Oct. 12, 00:00:53 (10am -1pm)	Unofficial translation. "We'd like to view the current International Law Commission draft articles as a serious source of useful practical recommendations . . . However, practice and our discussion of various high profile issues related to this topic show this issue has become politicized . . . there's a difference of opinion on key issues such as the definition of what constitutes a crime against humanity, universal jurisdiction, immunity of officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction, dispute settlement mechanisms, the link between a future convention and existing laws on our books . . . We're not discussing existing differences on key issues. This will result in the fragmentation of a draft articles, conflicts of laws, which will result in disagreements and conflicts. Under these conditions, in order to ensure a gradual approach to these draft articles, given the fact that not all participants are party to the Rome Statute, we need to continue an in depth analysis without introducing any instructions or timelines."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_belarus.pdf	Opposed	n/a
Belgium	Belgium Delegation, Oct. 11, 02:46:11 (10am - 1pm)	Unofficial translation. "We support the drafting of a convention on the basis of the draft articles on the prevention and repression of CAH as recommended by the Commission...such a convention would plug a significant existing gap in international conventional law."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_belgium.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.

Bolivia	Carmen Rosa Rios, Oct. 12 (10am - 1pm)	"My country considers that we must continue in the progressive development of international law, for which reason the proposal for a Convention on Convention on Crimes against Humanity should be be a priority, taking as a basis the draft articles elaborated by the the draft articles prepared by the ILC, with the necessary breadth for all issues to be analyzed and debated . . ."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_bolivia.pdf	Very Supportive	n/a
Bosnia and Herzegovina	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Brazil	Brazil Delegation, Oct.11, 02:26:16 (10am - 1pm)	"Brazil believes there is an important gap to be filled in international law regarding the regulation of the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity . . . Brazil agrees with the recommendation of the International Law Commission on the "elaboration of a convention by the General Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the draft articles". Although there may be room for improvement in certain aspects of the draft articles, they are a good starting point for the launch of negotiations . . . Its Preamble [] should also refer to the principles of the UN Charter related to the general prohibition of the use force and to non-intervention in the internal affairs of any State . . . we believe it would be a pragmatic decision to avoid the inclusion of what constitutes gender . . . It is also important to improve the mental elements of the criminal offence . . . The catch-all formulation on other inhumane acts in article 2, paragraph 1, letter k), may deserve further elaboration . . . the draft articles would benefit from the addition of safeguards to prevent the abuse of the universality principle . . . an additional provision may be needed according to which nothing in a future treaty could be interpreted as imposing an obligation to Member States to extradite when the person is to appear before an exceptional or extraordinary tribunal . . . An international convention on crimes against humanity would provide the international community with an invaluable tool."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_brazil.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Bulgaria	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.

Burkina Faso*	Mr. Oumarou Ganou, Oct.12, 01:49:46 (10am - 1pm)	Unofficial translation. "my country would like to express a staunch support for the idea of the adoption of an international convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity . . . Negotiating a convention based on the draft articles is an opportunity for us to create a new legal framework for cooperation on combating these most serious crimes . . . differences of opinion do persist between States . . . on both the content of a future instrument as well as the means to conclude such an agreement . . . nonetheless, in our view, it's vital that the hope of achieving a universal instrument that is fully applicable and acceptable is not sacrificed on the altar of urgency or on the altar of national or regional concerns . . . we'd like to insist that a common resolve to prevent and to punish crimes against humanity should be guided by respect for the fundamental principles of international law enshrined in the United Nations Charter, which are the sovereign equality of States noninterference in the internal affairs of states, and respect for the immunities conferred upon state officials."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_burkinafaso.pdf	Supportive	Aligned with African Group and with Iranian Statement on behalf of nonaligned movement.
Cameroon	Mr. Zacharie Serge Raoul Nyanid, Oct. 12, 01:40:09 (10am - 1pm)	"My delegation hails all of the changes and stages in the life of the draft articles of the ILC on CAH and wishes already to reiterate, its well-known position: which is to recommend prudence, continued reflection, and also that we take into account all of the sensitivities that have been expressed on the subject ... Despite this prejudicial exception, my delegation wishes to express its strong and determined support to the statement delivered by the African Group on this issue, which is so dear to Africa for obvious reasons . . . Chair, my delegation feels that the text proposed by the ILC, although it is excellent, is deserving of the critical and calm reading in order to improve the content. My delegation notably feels that certain aspects — the scope of the crimes, certain obligations relating to this — must be addressed in order to take into account the modern concept of CAH ... My delegation insists that the preamble should be trimmed of all of the rogue dispositions that are not consensual and that there should be respect for the balance that is necessary between different peoples and cultures . . . My delegation wishes . . . to have the jurisdiction of states that is thought to be insufficiently highlighted . . . For my delegation, criminal responsibility for such a serious crime, as it needs to be for all crimes, should be evaluated exclusively by the judge, who must consider whether there has been an infraction in all of its elements . . . My delegation calls for the criminal jurisdiction to be rooted in the sovereignty of the state because this jurisdiction is the basis for what we are discussing. My delegation strongly encourages that we proceed to rigorous national inquiries and mobilize the means and take the time in order to establish irrefutable evidence. It is important that we take into account the considerable differences between the different national legal frameworks and the disparate practices of states in terms of how these inquests are carried out."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_cameroon.pdf	Negative	Aligned with the African Group.
Canada	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with CANZ (Canada, Australia, New Zealand)	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with CANZ and the cross regional group.

Chile	Chile Delegation, Oct. 12, 00:56:00 (3pm - 6pm)	Unofficial translation. "A legally binding instrument elaborated on the basis of the Draft Articles would impose upon States a series of specific and concrete commitments to prevent, investigate, and punish [CAH]. Among them, first, it would oblige States to adopt legislation to criminalize in their domestic legal systems conduct constituting crimes against humanity and to apply a penalty appropriate to its gravity; and second, it would establish a broad range of bases of jurisdiction so as to avoid, to the greatest extent possible, the existence of territories in which the perpetrators of these crimes could escape prosecution. It would also establish a wide area of jurisdictional bases such that the perpetrators of such crimes cannot escape the reach of states. For these reasons, the Draft Articles constitute a fundamental contribution to the strengthening of international criminal law . . . In particular, given the quality of the Draft Articles, we consider that they can serve as a basis for the negotiation of a Convention . . . my delegation is willing, with openness, to consider other approaches from other delegations, since we believe that a future convention must have a broad consensus. We believe that this is possible, and we value it, since we hope that the result of the negotiations will be the adoption of a Convention with sufficient support in terms of ratifications and accessions."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_chile.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
China	Ambassador Geng Shuang, Oct. 12, 01:24:11 (10am - 1pm)	"China wishes to make the following observations. First, there remains much controversy over some elements in the Draft Articles. China supports continued and in depth exchanges of views on the relevant legal issues involved, but such discussions are not negotiations for a convention and the Draft Articles do not serve as a zero draft of a convention. Second, combating CAH should be consistent with the universally recognized principles and rules of international law, especially the principles of sovereign equality of States, noninterference in internal affairs, and respect for the immunity of foreign officials from criminal jurisdiction in accordance with international law. Third, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court is not a universal international treaty accepted by all countries. Its definition of CAH has not been universally recognized and should not be simply transposed here. Fourth, all countries have the obligation to combat CAH, but the Draft Articles should fully consider the differences in national conditions and legal systems and respect the discretion of each country in its implementation of international obligations. Madam Chair, judging from our past discussions, parties are far from reaching consensus on whether to use to Draft Articles as the basis to elaborate an international convention."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_china.pdf	Opposed	n/a

Colombia	Ms. Lucía Solano, Oct. 12, 01:14:14 (10am - 1pm)	"For Colombia it is . . . a great sign from the Sixth Committee to the world that we should be able to discuss one of the most important issues on the international law agenda . . . [Colombia] believes that an international legally binding instrument in the area of CAH would serve to consolidate and strengthen international criminal law . . . Colombia believes that the Draft Articles prepared by the Committee are focused on what is right, effectively bringing to trial these crimes through the adoption of national measures and by fostering international cooperation. Colombia also agrees that these are areas in which there are still gaps and the States would benefit from a positive legal instrument in this regard. In a similar vein, our country feels that the Draft Articles are not incompatible with the Rome Statute but rather complimentary to it . . . These Articles, if they were to become a convention, could contribute to ensuring accountability and to fighting impunity in many ways. Colombia will continue to participate actively, as we have done to date, in this process to ensure that we can continue analyzing this output of the ILC."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_colombia.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Comoros	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Costa Rica	Ms. Maritza Chan-Valverde, Oct. 12, 01:04:37 (10am - 1pm)	"CAH are one of the main international crimes on the level of genocide and war crimes, yet CAH are not regulated by their own independent convention. This is a transcendental and regrettable gap in the field of international law ... [F]or Costa Rica, filling this gap is not only necessary, it is urgent. Costa Rica thanks the ILC for its Draft Articles. We support the Commission's recommendation to draw up a convention on CAH. We also appreciate the fact that the Draft Articles have received a largely positive reception, and we believe that the proposal represents a solid foundation for the drafting of the aforementioned convention. We consider this to be an excellent basis for continuing our deliberations during the Resumed Session of the Sixth Committee due to take place in April 2024. This should be primarily technical and legal rather than political. The goal should be to reach, as soon as possible, a legally binding international agreement."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_costarica.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Croatia	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.

Cuba	Cuba Delegation, Oct. 12, 01:55:07 (10am - 1pm)	"We believe that the ILC has produced an important contribution to the effort in order to bring concrete form to the prevention and punishment of [CAH] . . . We are grateful for the work undertaken by the ILC in drafting the Draft Articles on this issue. This means that we now have useful guidance for States who have not yet approved the norms relating to the codification and processing of these types of crimes nationally . . . However, we reiterate our concerns in terms of the content and formulations that have been presented. We believe that it is appropriate to reiterate that a convention on this issue should make it clear as a fundamental principle that the primary responsibility for preventing and punishing international crimes of this gravity should occur under their [national] jurisdiction, and it is primarily the responsibility of the State. One of the fundamental principles is that States have the sovereign prerogative to exercise in their own national courts jurisdiction over CAH that are committed on their territory or by their nationals. This principle has a foundation in the fact that nobody has better conditions in order to effectively try perpetrators of this type of crime than the State with jurisdiction over the territory or nationality of the accused or its victims. Only when States cannot or do not wish to exercise this jurisdiction over such crimes should there be room to consider other mechanisms to bring them to trial . . . During the resumed session of the Sixth Committee in April of the year, there was expression of some deep-rooted concerns that still exist in relation to these Draft Articles . . . Amongst the concerns that remain, one of the main questions is the definition of CAH, which is based on the one contained within the Rome Statute of the ICC, despite many states not having subscribed to this instrument . . . This definition should not enter into contradiction with the national legislation that is application to CAH."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_cuba.pdf	Neutral	n/a
Cyprus	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Czech Republic	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Denmark	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group & EU & Nordic Countries (Sweden statement)	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and Nordic

Djibouti	Mr. Mohamed Moussa, Oct. 12, 02:08:28 (3pm - 6pm)	Unofficial translation. "Decades after the adoption of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the Geneva Conventions prohibiting war crimes, there is still no universal convention on crimes against humanity. And it is this gap that the Articles produced by the ILC in 2019 aim to fill. However, during the first resumed session last March, profound differences were noted as to the content of this text. These differences could constitute a real obstacle to the adoption of an international convention preventing and punishing crimes against humanity, at a time when the entire international community is in agreement in condemning such atrocities throughout the world . . . Our interpretation of the crime against humanity must be harmonized, so as not to provide a loophole for perpetrators. However, it cannot be a one-size-fits-all interpretation, given the need to incorporate this text into our national legal systems to ensure its applicability on our territories. This interpretation and applicability will therefore have to be assessed in light of the experience and specific features of each of the Member States of this august assembly."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_djibuti.pdf	Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.
Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic Delegation, Oct. 12, 00:09:05 (3pm - 6pm)	Unofficial translation. "I would like to subscribe to the statement made by the distinguished delegation of Gambia ... We are likewise grateful to the ILC for hard work in seeking the Draft Articles on this topic ... Our country joins the international community in the fight against CAH ... Moreover, we must remember that prevention is fundamental. Education and the promotion of tolerance and respect for human rights are powerful tools in preventing the perpetuation of these abominables ... CAH are atrocious acts which undermine the fundamentals of our civilisation."	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.
Ecuador	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Egypt	Egypt Delegation, Oct. 12, 01:18:30 (10am - 1pm)	"We'd like to express our support for the statement delivered by Uganda on behalf of the African Group. It is incumbent upon us to establish a legal framework that is appropriate . . . We need to avoid chaos and confusion between the various legal principles. Having said that, we need clarity regarding the State exercising jurisdiction and how this is linked to the crimes which have been committed. We must tread very carefully when it comes to the issue of legal universality, so as to avoid going too far. We have some reservations regarding mention being made of the Rome Statute given that this is not a universal document. In light of the above, we'd like to reiterate the need to reconsider — to reexamine — the criminal responsibility of leaders and commanders who have received instructions from their superiors as well as CAH committed by persons on the territory of a specific state."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_egypt.pdf	Neutral	Aligned with the African Group.

El Salvador	Ms. Ligia Lorena Flores Soto, Oct. 12, 02:08:08 (10am - 1pm)	"My delegation wishes to align itself with the statement delivered by The Gambia . . . We feel that the . . . the Draft Articles are of considerable value in codifying international law and reflect the crystallization of certain customary rules and of a basis for provisions upon which the States of international community can join and build on . . . My delegation recognizes as an added value, the fact that the content of the [Draft Articles] defines a general procedure in issues relating to the establishment of the national jurisdiction of states over these types of crimes, such as for instance the obligation of prevention, due process, and interstate cooperation with respect to investigation and bringing such crimes to trial . . . We therefore feel that the handling of these Draft Articles may follow the conceptual notion of the principle of complementarity . . . We may even consider the possibility of joining to this in a cohesive way criteria that are derived from jurisprudence in various regional legal systems . . . My delegation does not want to be exhaustive in specific remarks relating to the Draft provisions because we reserve the space to continue addressing this under the resumed session that is to take place in 2024."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_elsalvador.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Estonia	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group & EU and spoken for by Latvia (on behalf of Baltic states)	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Ethiopia	Ethiopian delegation, Oct. 12, 00:35:19 (3pm-6pm)	"Ethiopia agrees that in order to effectively address impunity, it is necessary to have a strong legal framework that aligns with universally international legal instruments . . . it should prioritize the advancement of national capability . . . on the need to have a treaty on crimes against humanity, we believe existing human rights, humanitarian law, and other treaties as well as domestic criminal laws are the necessary legal basis for the prosecution of crimes against humanity. to the extent legal gaps are observable, they are to be addressed by national legislation and institutional mechanisms . . . Ethiopia agrees on the need for continued discussion on these draft articles . . . they are still far from the stage of forming the basis of a convention."	No statement published.	Negative	Aligned with the African Group.

Eritrea	Eritrea Delegation, Oct. 12, 02:15:23 (10am - 1pm)	"My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegate of Uganda on behalf of the African Group . . . the Draft Articles remain legally ambivalent and should be reviewed to address Member States' concerns . . . First, Eritrea reiterates its reservation about the inclusion of preambular paragraph 7 of the Draft Articles which refers to the definition of crimes against humanity as set forth in Article 7 of the Rome Statute. This is a treaty that does not enjoy universal recognition and by considering it in the Draft Articles we take away the rights of non-State Parties under international law. My delegation is also concerned with the expansion of the scope of the principle of universal jurisdiction through Articles 7 and 9, as the scope and application of this principle are still being discussed within the Sixth Committee. Furthermore, we have reservations about the reference to jus cogens norm in the preamble. We are of the view that the explanation given by the ILC in the commentaries as to why crimes against humanity are given peremptory status is limited. Second, my delegation holds that the Draft Articles do not cover all aspects of crimes against humanity and stresses the need for expansion of the scope of existing crimes in the Draft Articles . . . Third, we are of the view that the primary responsibility for the prevention and punishment of such serious crimes lies within the domestic jurisdiction of States and their institutions, they have the sovereign right to exercise their jurisdiction over crimes against humanity . . . Lastly, Eritrea wishes to express that we must ensure that the provisions of the Draft Articles align with the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and international law . . . In view of the above-noted anomalies and the diverging views shared by numerous delegations during the 77th resumed session, my delegation stresses that it is too early to call for a diplomatic conference."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_eritrea.pdf	Negative	Aligned with the African Group.
European Union	Ms Simona Popan, Oct. 11, 02:06:38, 10am-1pm	"Without an instrument dedicated to crimes against humanity there is a gap in the international treaty framework, which is no longer defensible and – as many of us have said – must be filled . . . It is important to continue discussing and understanding our substantive differences with a view to finding a suitable path to move forward on the draft articles . . . It is our hope that we can continue to work together on this important topic with a view to progressing towards a global convention."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_eu.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU.
Fiji	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Finland	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group & Sweden (on behalf of Nordic Countries)	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and Nordic

France	French delegation, Oct. 12, 00:47:31, 3.00pm-6.00pm	"On August 5, 2019, the International Law Commission decided to recommend a set of draft articles on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity to the United Nations General Assembly. In particular, the International Law Commission advocated the elaboration, by the General Assembly or by an international conference, of a convention based on these draft articles . . . The French delegation fully supports the adoption of such a convention, which would strengthen the international legal framework for combating the most serious crimes. It takes this opportunity to thank the International Law Commission for its continuing contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_france.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Gambia	Mr. Amadou Jaiteh, Oct. 11, 01:57:27, (10am-1pm)	"We therefore continue to see a gap in the international treaty framework . . . A convention on crimes against humanity would strengthen the prevention and punishment of such heinous crimes at the national level. It would also establish obligations for States to cooperate and provide a new legal basis for extradition and mutual legal assistance . . . we were delighted to see members of the Sixth Committee engage in a substantive and detailed legal dialogue on the draft articles of the International Law Commission on crimes against humanity. It was a constructive experience for the Sixth Committee as a whole to move beyond a procedural debate and we hope it will be replicated in April next year."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_cross_regs.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Georgia	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Germany	German delegation, Oct. 10, 02:43:44, (10am-1pm)	"Crimes against Humanity are among the most serious crimes known to humankind. We are witnessing these atrocities too often. Germany therefore attaches great importance to the project of a Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity . . . We aim to proceed by setting up a structured process towards treaty negotiations based on the ILC's draft articles as we are convinced that a convention would provide further impetus to the prevention of atrocity crimes. We will proactively contribute to the work of an Ad Hoc Committee to this end."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_germany.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Ghana	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group & African Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.
Greece	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.

Guatemala	Guatemalan delegation, Oct.11th, 02:35:22, (10am-1pm)	"We believe it to be the duty of all states to exercise their criminal jurisdiction with regards to crime against humanity, and that all states must commit to preventing CAH pursuant to international law by adopting legislative, administrative, and judicial measures and other preventive measures. We also recognize that the work of the international system of human rights and international law contributes in a complementary way to enabling States to prevent those crimes which threaten the peace security and wellbeing of the world . . . To conclude, Chair, my delegation would like to underscore the fact that based upon our peaceful and human rights based stance, we see relevant to create a convention on CAH, which would strengthen the prevention and punishment of such crimes in the future. Likewise, we would establish obligations upon States to cooperate and to provide a new legal basis for extradition and for mutual legal assistance. "	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_guatemala.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Haiti	Mr. Wisnique Panier, Oct. 12, 02:00:56, (3pm-6pm)	"Haiti thanks the ILC in its effort for work on codification and progressive development of International Law . . . Also support the draft articles as a basis for international convention . . . Want to emphasize the inclusion of slavery in CAH . . . Recognizing CAH means that human dignity is indispensable . . ."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_haiti.pdf	Very Supportive	n/a
Holy See (observer)	H.E. Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, Oct. 12, 02:29:48 (3pm-6pm)	"It is beyond question that existing customary law already prohibits crimes against humanity. Indeed, as noted by the International Law Commission, the prohibition of these acts is a peremptory norm of international law. Nonetheless, the conclusion of a universal, multilateral treaty that would codify existing customary law would certainly promote international cooperation for the prevention and punishment of these crimes. The Holy See is of the view that any definition of crimes against humanity must be rooted in existing customary international law. Adding to or modifying the already agreed definition of such crimes, before State practice and opinio iuris have fully developed, would not favor a broad consensus, while eroding the effectiveness of the system . . . With that in mind, the Holy See cannot share the ILC's proposal to exclude the definition of "gender" from the draft of Article 3. Efforts to prevent and punish crimes against humanity must respect, on the basis of the principle of complementarity, the sovereignty of other States and should not interfere in their domestic affairs. Any new convention should therefore follow well-established precedents, building on the duty of States Parties to prosecute crimes within their own borders and to cooperate with each other in extraditing perpetrators and in providing assistance to victims."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_holysee.pdf	Very Supportive	n/a
Honduras	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.

Hungary	Hungarian delegation, Oct.11, 02:48:57, (10am-1pm)	"To conclude, in Hungary's firm view, the need for a comprehensive international legal framework is undeniable. Therefore, we are of the view that it is time to take further steps towards negotiating and adopting an international legally binding instrument based on the ILC's draft articles. "	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_hungary.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Iceland	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group & Sweden (on behalf of Nordic Countries)	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and Nordic Countries
India	Indian delegation, Oct.12, 02:20:48, (10am-1pm)	"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 legislation . . . We are of the view that there should be no attempt to impose legal theories or definitions derived from other international agreements that do not enjoy universal acceptance. Our understanding is that those Member States that have not subscribed to the Rome Statute, have extant national legislation in place to deal with such offenses . . . territorial or national jurisdictions should be given primacy . . . India is not in favour of simple transposition of already existing regimes into a new convention, however we have and continue to engage constructively to find solution to various anomalies in the draft articles."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_india.pdf	Not supportive	n/a
Indonesia	Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia to the UN, October 12th, 1:27:30, (3pm-6pm)	"Indonesia commends the fruitful exchange of substantive views in an interactive format during the Resumed 77th Session in April 2023. The active participation of member states underscores our collective zeal to address the intricate nuances of the Draft Articles on Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity. These rich deliberations promise to illuminate the path forward, fostering shared understanding and bridging disparate viewpoints. Indonesia looks forward to continuing the discussions at the next Resumed Session in April next year"	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_indonesia.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Bahram Heidari, October 11, 00:21:18 (10am-1pm)	"My delegation is also committed to provide its comments on the draft articles in writing to the Secretary-General by the end of 2023. At the same time, we sincerely request the Bureau and the Secretariate of the Sixth Committee to accurately reflect all critical recommendations and comments of delegations when compiling the written summary of the deliberations, as mandated in paragraph 5 of the said resolution . . . While the Committee is considered the appropriate forum, my delegation encourages the Committee to continue its deliberations on this agenda item, and moving forward with a holistic approach regarding all existing products of the ILC that are pending before the Sixth Committee. therefore, my delegation expresses its dissatisfaction regarding the selectivity of the ILC's products wherein several remain pending in this Committee years before the submission of the draft articles on Crimes Against Humanity."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_iran.pdf	Negative	n/a

Iraq	Delegate of Iraq, October 12th, 00:15:33, (3pm-6pm)	Unofficial translation. "Mr Chair, the government of Iraq renews its commitment to countering all forms of CAH . . . meanwhile the government calls for collaboration of regional efforts in this regard in addition to strengthening international law . . . appreciates the efforts of ILC and draft conventions"	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_iraq.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Ireland	James Kirk, October 12, 01:01:05, (10am-1pm)	"Ireland is a strong proponent for the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the International Law Commission's draft articles on crimes against humanity, in accordance with the Commission's recommendation. We have been clear in our previous statements to this Committee that we see this as the best way to close what is a significant gap in the international treaty law framework."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_ireland.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Israel	Noam Cappon, October 12, 00:04:53 (10am-1pm)	"To that end, Israel is committed to achieving broad acceptance of the rules for preventing and punishing crimes against humanity as we have been claiming in all our statements under this item in previous years."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_israel.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Italy	Enrico Milano, October 12, 00:38:55 (3pm-6pm)	"Italy wishes to take the opportunity of the debate on this agenda item to reiterate its support for the ILC recommendation that a convention be elaborated on the basis of the Draft Articles on Crimes against Humanity approved by the ILC in 2019...Let me conclude by saying that our delegation will continue to contribute to the advancement of the process leading to an international conference for the adoption of a convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, including through substantive engagement in the resumed dedicated session that will take place in April 2024"	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_italy.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group.
Japan	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.

Jordan	Ahmad Habashneh, October 12, 00:54:41 (10am-1pm)	"We reiterate our support for the conclusion of an international agreement based on the draft articles developed by the International Law Commission. The articles offer a comprehensive framework for addressing crimes against humanity, including defining the crimes, establishing national jurisdiction, inter-state cooperation and implementing the principle of <i>aut dedere aut judicare</i> "	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_jordan.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Kenya	Catherine Nyakoe, October 12, 01:25:11, (3pm-6pm)	"We commend the International Law Commission for its effort in developing the draft articles under consideration by this Committee. We remain cognisant of the Commission's recommendation on the potential final outcome. The articles provide a good basis for discussions in considering the strengthening of international framework for the prevention and accountability of especially the most serious crimes. We must however allow for sufficient time for comprehensive analyses of the proposals by all Members . . . My delegation, therefore, avails itself to continue examining the proposals of the International Law Commission and following ongoing discussions in seeking to build consensus incrementally on the important elements that are required to seal the normative gaps within the overall international framework on accountability. In this regard, we look forward to the continued discussions on the draft articles in the resumed session of the Sixth Committee in the April."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_kenya.pdf	Supportive	Aligns with African Group.
Kuwait**	Delegate of Kuwait, October 12th, 00:24:30 (3pm-6pm)	Unofficial translation: "We reject all criminal acts which undermine humanity"	No statement published.	Neutral	n/a
Latvia	Elvira Cupika-Mavrina, October 11, 02:17:58 (10am-1pm)	"We believe that convention on crimes against humanity would provide a clear and internationally recognized legal framework for identifying, prosecuting, and punishing those responsible for these heinous crimes"	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_baltic.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligns with Cross-Regional group, EU, and speaking on behalf of Baltics (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania).
Lebanon	Delegation of Lebanon. Oct. 12, 01:50:32 (3pm-6pm)	Unofficial translation. "There is no legally binding international instrument specifically dedicated to crimes against humanity, as is the case for war crimes and the crime of genocide my delegation reiterates its position in favor of the elaboration of a Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity on the basis of the draft articles of the International Law Commission (ILC)."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_lebanon.pdf	Very Supportive	n/a

Libya	Delegation of Libya, Oct. 12, 02:17:50, (3pm-6pm)	Unofficial translation. "My delegation is undertaking discussion within our delegation so we can fully participate in all of the debates on all of the items on the Committee's agenda, specifically the draft articles on crimes against humanity crafted by the International Law Commission in its 71st session in 2019." "Crimes against humanity are punished under international law and international humanitarian law."	No statement published.	Neutral	n/a
Liechtenstein	Delegation of Liechtenstein, Oct. 11, 02:24:00 (10am-1pm)	"There remains a gap in the international legal system. There is still no international treaty dedicated to preventing and punishing crimes against humanity – while there are for the other core international crimes: genocide, war crimes and the crime of aggression. Liechtenstein therefore supports work toward the elaboration of a crimes against humanity convention. And, we are encouraged, that after years of delay, last year, the Sixth Committee took concrete steps to that end."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_liechtenstein.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group
Lithuania	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group & EU & Baltic States (Latvia statement on behalf)	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group
Luxembourg	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with EU and cross-regional group
Madagascar	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and African Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.
Malaysia	Nur Azura Abd Karim, Oct. 12, 02:41:39 (10am-1pm)	"Malaysia commends the International Law Commission (ILC) for its vital work on the draft articles on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity which represents a significant milestone achieved during the ILC's seventy-first session in 2019. In the spirit of realising the objectives set out by the ILC, Malaysia remains supportive toward the ongoing elaboration and discussion of the draft articles, whether under the auspices of the General Assembly or through an international conference of plenipotentiaries." "[W]e reiterate our hope that the draft articles will undergo a thorough examination to ensure that any further developments align with existing frameworks rather than duplicating them."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_malaysia.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Mali	Delegation of Mali, Oct. 12, 01:19:16 (3pm-6pm)	Unofficial Translation. "My delegation would like to associate itself with the statement delivered by Uganda on behalf of the African Group." "Given the transboundary nature, my government stands ready to work hand in hand with all states to mount an international and regional response that is appropriate." "On the international front, Mali is party to most international legal instruments protecting persons against crimes and other abuses." "International cooperation is very important." "I would like to reiterate my government's resolve, and particularly the judiciary's resolve, to tirelessly combat crime and all forms of abuse."	No statement published.	Supportive	Aligned with the African Group.

Malta	Augustina Siman, Oct. 12, 02:27:09 (10am-1pm)	"We value the important work of the International Law Commission and are supportive of the effort made towards drafting a set of articles for a Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity, especially in the circumstances of non liquet. The international community is in need of a global instrument dedicated to preventing and punishing the respective crimes and promoting inter-State cooperation in that regard."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_malta.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Marshall Islands	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Mauritius	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and African Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.
Mexico	Delegation of Mexico, Oct. 12, 00:38:19 (10am-1pm)	Unofficial Translation. "Mexico will continue to work with the rest of the membership so that, once the deliberative process is completed, we will take a decision next year that will allow us to enter a negotiation stage with the sole purpose of soon having a Convention for the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity that closes a gap in international law that we have a collective and historic responsibility to fill."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_mexico.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.
Micronesia (Federated States of)	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Monaco	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.
Montenegro	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.

Mozambique	Delegation of Mozambique, Oct. 12, 01:14:27 (3pm-6pm)	"My delegation commends the work of the International Law Commission for preparing the Draft Articles on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, that include the possibility of an International Convention on the matter (A/74/10) . . . There seems to be consensus in that the above-mentioned Draft Articles provide a good basis for discussions and negotiations of a Convention on Crimes Against Humanity, and that the primary responsibility for preventing them lies in the hands of States . . . [W]e wish to reiterate the commitment of Mozambique to continue its constructive engagement and collaboration in the work aimed at the approval and adoption of an international Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity on the basis of the International Law Commission Draft Articles."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_mozambique.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with the African Group.
Myanmar	Kyaw Moe Tun, Oct. 12, 01:08:30 (3pm-6pm)	"Myanmar thanks the International Law Commission for the draft articles on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity as well as for its recommendations which we support . . . The Assembly, particularly this Committee, has taken important steps forward in its consideration of the ILC's recommendations. Last year, we set in motion a process for substantive exchanges for a two-year span. We hope the Committee would be able to take a decision next year as stipulated in the resolution 77/249 . . . The absence of an international convention dedicated to the prevention and punishment of these crimes has long been a gap in international criminal justice system that prevents the most serious crimes of international concern."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_myanmar.pdf	Very Supportive	n/a
Netherlands	Angelique van der Made-Wesselink, October 12, 00:11:20 (10am-1pm)	"The elaboration of a Convention based on the draft articles, as recommended by the ILC, would strengthen the international criminal justice system and would contribute to strengthening national laws and criminal jurisdiction in the fight against impunity for crimes against humanity. The Kingdom of the Netherlands would therefore strongly welcome the opening of treaty negotiations."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_netherlands.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.
New Zealand	Te Aka Aorere, Oct. 11, 02:12:36 (10am-1pm)	"We have been strong supporters of the International Law Commission's work on crimes against humanity and of efforts to advance the consideration of the ILC's Draft Articles on this topic . . . The absence of a specific multilateral treaty dedicated to crimes against humanity leaves a significant gap in the international treaty law framework. For this reason, we support open, constructive and inclusive discussion on the substance of the Draft Articles and on the way forward . . . CANZ considers that the Draft Articles provide a solid foundation for the development of a treaty to fill the gaps to which we refer."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_canz.pdf	Very Supportive	Offers statement on behalf of CANZ. Aligns with CANZ.

Nigeria	Dr. Eniola Olaitan Ajayi. Oct. 11, 00:51:12 (3pm-6pm)	"We commend the International Law Commission for their effort on the draft article for the elaboration of a convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity. It provided a robust basis for our discussions during the intercessional session in April last year. In our next engagement, we will continue to support open, constructive, and inclusive dialogue that will lead to consensus, while taking note of existing national and international laws . . . Nigeria expresses its unwavering support to the Rome Statute . . . in respect to Article 12 of the draft article for the elaboration of a convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity, we agree and support for a comprehensive approach by States to take all necessary measures to ensure equal access to competent authorities, including guarantees that all victims, complainants, and witnesses are protected against ill-treatment or intimidation. Nigeria also joins in welcoming the promotion of mutual Legal Assistance under Article 14 . . . In respect of draft Article 2 on the definition of Crime Against Humanity, my delegation does not agree with the recommendation on the Decision of the Commission to delete Article 7(3) of the Rome Statute, purportedly on the ground that it is outdated . . . My delegation supports the African Group position to include slavery and exploitation in all forms as Crime Against Humanity . . . Nigeria looks forward to a constructive and collaborative exchange of ideas and views and is committed to work with you all . . ."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_nigeria.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with the African Group.
North Macedonia	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Norway	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group & Nordic Countries (Sweden statement)	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Palau	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Palestine (State of) (observer)	Delegation of Palestine, Oct. 12, 02:21:02 (3pm-6pm)	The statement made in its national capacity did not address the convention, but aligned with Cross Regional Group.	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.

Pakistan	Rabia Ijaz, Oct. 12, 02:35:27 (10am-1pm)	"The necessity for global cooperation to eradicate impunity for culprits and to ascertain justice for victims cannot be overstated . . the ILC Draft Articles serve as an instrumental kickoff point. However, it still remains too soon to establish any solid conclusions regarding the essence and layout of the Draft Articles . . . a certain degree of disparity in viewpoints still persists. In past sessions, numerous delegations have persistently voiced concerns related to the content of the draft articles, Most notably, draft articles 7, 9 , and 10 . . . Similarly, it is vital to ensure that the definition outlined in the draft articles . . . align with those stated in corresponding United Nations convnetions. We must exerise caution to present the introduciont of new definitions that could lead to ambiguity and inconsistency . . . it would be imprudent to hasten the process by using the draft ILC articles as the foundational basis for a convention, or to call for an international conference with that objective at this point."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_pakistan.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Paraguay	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Peru	Alessandra Falconi Chirinos, Oct. 12, 01:10:10 (10am - 1pm)	Unofficial translation. "Establishment of an ad-hoc committe open to all States would be a valuable opportunity to participate substantively in the content of the draft articles and to further consider the recommendation of the International Law Commission to elaborate a convention with a view to the General Assembly taking a decision on the matter at a later stage . . . [Crimes against humanity] transcend cultures and political systems, which underlines the imperative need to promote a firm and clear international regulatory framework that promotes their prevention and garantees accountability."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_peru.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Philippines	Delegation of the Philippines, Oct. 12, 00:13:13 (3pm-6pm)	"[E]ffective prosecution [of crimes against humanity] must be ensured by taking measures at the national level, in order to put an end to impunity for the perpetrators of these crimes and thus contribute to the prevention of such crimes, it being the duty of every State to exercise its criminal jurisdiction over those responsible for international crimes . . . If the present draft articles were to become the basis of a Convention, then the Philippines would have [already] complied with the fundamental obligation contained in draft Article 6 on criminalization under national law . . . the draft articles need careful scrutiny both by Member States on a national level, and by this Committee."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_philippines.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Poland	H.E. Krzysztof Szczerski, Oct. 12, 01:30:00 (10am - 1pm)	"Poland reiterates its support for the elaboration of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity based on the Draft Articles prepared by the International Law Commission. As in previous years, we hold the view that a new instrument is urgently need . . . Poland strongly advocates a comprehensive, victim-oriented approach to prosecuting international crimes. This includes the need for a direct refernece to the obligation towards victims in the draft Article 3 as well as for the introduction of a separate provision on the rights of children."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_poland.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.

Portugal	Delegation of Portugal, Oct. 12, 00:18:00 (10am - 1pm)	"It is possible and imperative to follow the recommendation of International Law Commission and convene a diplomatic conference to negotiate and adopt a convention on the basis of the Draft Articles . . . we are encouraged by the positive spirit that permeated the discussions [during the first resumed session], as well as by the progress we made in terms of fleshing out delegations' concerns and bridging existing differences." "We would like to bring to attention that, in May, the Ljubliana-The Hague Convention . . . was adopted . . . We stress once again that the existence of this Convention should not preclude us from moving forward in the discussion of these Draft Articles."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_portugal.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.
Republic of Korea	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Qatar	Delegation of Qatar, Oct. 12, 01:32:38 (10am - 1pm)	Unofficial Translation. "My delegation notes the constructive discussions and the exchange of views during the Resumed Session of the Sixth Committee . . . We reiterate that the continuation of these discussions will contribute to dispelling any ambiguity or unclarity in relation to the proposed tests and bringing divergent views of member states closer to convergence . . . Commenting on the draft articles, my delegation highlighted the need for consistency in the concepts and terms as being an important element to build the consensus . . . We also stressed the need to adopt well-known terms already used in other international conventions. Another aspect of the draft articles we view of paramount importance is their consistency with applicable national legislations . . . Special attention in the draft articles should be given to conflict resolution to ensure the implementation of any future convention or instrument . . ."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_qatar.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Republic of Moldova	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Romania	Ms. Alis Lungu, Oct. 12, 00:06:43 (3pm - 6pm)	"these heinous crimes continue to be perpetrated . . . making it a legal and moral imperative for us to address the gaps in the current international legal framework that could lead to impunity for their perpetrators . . . [Romania] continues to favour developing the draft articles into a global convention . . . in parallel to the substantive discussions, we need to foster more mutual trust among delegations. Our shared goal of preventing impunity for crimes against humanity should help us achieve that."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_romania.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with the EU.

Russian Federation	Delegation of Russia, Oct. 12, 00:42:39 (3pm - 6pm)	Unofficial Translation. "We want to avoid simplistically portraying the process that took place [in the resumed sessions] as a kind of progress along the way to development of a convention based on the draft articles. Achieving a high-quality result requires the Committee not to rush . . . The in-depth discussion during the resumed session demonstrated that the views of delegations regarding the draft articles vary significantly. In most respects they are diametrically opposed. Consequently, the draft articles in their current form are hardly a sound basis for the development of an international convention, and cosmetic changes will not improve the situation . . . There are no prospects for reaching consensus on any of the fifteen articles in the foreseeable future."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_russia.pdf	Opposed	n/a
Samoa	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
San Marino	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Saudi Arabia	Delegation of Saudi Arabian, Oct. 12, 01:03:00 (3pm-6pm)	Unofficial Translation. "[We] condemn crimes against humanity and stress the need to confront such crimes . . . [We] believe that it is inappropriate to find new definitions that may be misunderstood. All terminology used in the Draft Articles—including about slavery, torture, and forced disappearance—must be unified in accordance with existing UN conventions . . . Saudi Arabia is particularly concerned with . . . Articles 7, 9, and 10 . . . the international Community is divided about universal jurisdiction. We must reach a consensus on the subject among states . . . We must stay within the norms of international law with respect for the sovereign equality of states."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_saudiaria.pdf	Neutral	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Senegal	Delegation of Senegal, Oct. 12, 00:32:34 (10am-1pm)	"Senegal would like to reiterate its commitment to continue discussions on the substance in a consensual matter, with a view to adopting a universal International Convention on preventing and punishing CAH . . . We would like to urge member states to come together around what is most essential, to partake in frank discussions, to adopt a universal International Convention on CAH, which is the only guarantee that mass atrocities will be effectively punished."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_senegal.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Serbia	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.

Sierra Leone	Mr. Amara S. Sowa, Oct. 12, 01:32:33 (3pm-6pm)	"The delegation of Sierra Leone wishes to highlight the critical opportunity to address gaps and to broaden the scope of the prohibitive acts that will constitute a crime against humanity. Sierra Leone had previously indicated that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court is our point of departure for a future crime against humanity treaty . . . Sierra Leone will reiterate the important point of the necessity to extend the list of prohibited acts to include, for instance, economic, land and mineral exploitation, and environmental degradation . . . Our third point therefore relates to the identified legal gaps that result in manifest impunity for slavery and slave trade crimes under the Rome Statute, which the ILC transplanted in the draft articles on crimes against humanity . . . Sierra Leone is compelled to reflect our experience with the realities of crimes against humanity in all our engagements, comments, and observations, hopeful always that it will take us a step further to concluding a complementary, universal, and implementable treaty."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_sierraleone.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.
Singapore	Mr. Nathaniel Khng, Oct. 11, 02:20:50 (10am-1pm)	"My delegation looks forward to engaging positively in discussions with other delegations on the substance of the draft articles as well as on the issue of what further action should be taken on the draft articles. Singapore supports a practical and effective outcome based on consensus in the Sixth Committee that will strengthen accountability through wide acceptance and implementation by States of effective measures for the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_singapore.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Slovakia	Mr. Matúš KOŠUTH, Oct. 12, 00:47:14 (10am-1pm)	"Making a decisive step towards a new convention on crimes against humanity would best demonstrate such commitment. Formal negotiations at a diplomatic conference would then present the ideal format for bridging the views on those aspects, where convergence will not have yet been reached."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_slovakia.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.
Slovenia	Ms Nataša Šebenik, Oct. 12, 00:57:56 (10am-1pm)	"We voice, once more, our support for efforts leading to the opening of negotiations for a convention. We believe that the fight against impunity begins on the national level and is implemented through active, international cooperation."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_slovenia.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.

South Africa	Ambassador Mathu Joyini, Oct. 12, 02:02:25 (10am-1pm)	“The Ljubljana-The Hague Convention is commendable and a significant development that strengthens cooperation in combating impunity for international crimes. However, it must be emphasized that the convention on crimes against humanity is not a duplication but is in fact a distinct convention. Indeed, the development of a separate convention focused on crimes against humanity remains as significant now as it was when it was first introduced. We once again reiterate South Africa’s profound support for ongoing discussions of a substantive nature. We remain confident that we will find a middle ground that will drive us toward a convention on crimes against humanity.”	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_southafrica.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.
Spain	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Sri Lanka	H.E. Ambassador Mohan Pieris, Oct. 12, 00:49:45 (10am-1pm)	“We remain committed to this critical topic, and ready to engage further in the discussion on the draft articles during the next session in April 2024. We believe that these discussions provide an invaluable platform to refine and strengthen our collective commitment to combating crimes against humanity.”	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_srilanka.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Sweden	Delegation of Sweden, Oct. 11, 02:10:14 (10am – 1pm)	“In closing, the Nordic countries reiterate our commitment to the process agreed by the Sixth Committee. We will continue to engage constructively with the view to take a decision on this matter in the 79th session of the General Assembly and invite all delegations to do the same. Let us continue our constructive discussions and seek consensus around the ILC draft articles.”	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_nordic.pdf	Very Supportive	Spoke on behalf of the Nordic Countries. Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.
Switzerland	Delegation of Switzerland, Oct. 12, 00:15:38 (10am-1pm)	“My delegation reaffirms its support for the ILC’s recommendation that a convention be drawn up based on the draft articles. A convention based on the ILC draft articles would strengthen the international criminal justice system, promote interstate cooperation, and assist states in assuming their primary responsibility in investigating and prosecuting these crimes.”	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_switzerland.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the EU.

Syrian Arab Republic	Delegation of Syria, Oct.12, 01:38:52 (3pm-6pm)	"Several delegations have maintained that the Draft Articles should include confiscations of natural resources and agricultural crops and denying civilians access to water. My delegation concludes that given the above considerations, no convention can be agreed upon unless the concerns of member states are taken into consideration—in terms of the definition and scope of crimes against humanity. The current definition of crimes against humanity in the Draft Articles fails to reflect the evolving patterns of conflict."	No statement published.	Negative	n/a
Thailand	Delegation of Thailand, Oct. 12, 02:46:12 (10am-1pm)	"My delegation is pleased to see certain elements being included in the draft articles. Thailand supports the definition of "crimes against humanity" in draft Article 2 that is in line with Article 7 of the Rome Statute . . . We welcome the obligation of aut dedere aut judicare to either extradite or submit the case to competent authorities in draft Article 10, which would help narrow jurisdictional gaps in the prosecution of crimes against humanity. . . it would be critical to include such a provision in any future convention on crimes against humanity for it to be effective . . . We also support draft Article 13 on extradition and draft Article 14 on mutual legal assistance, particularly the rationale behind paragraph 3 of draft Article 13 where the political offence exception is precluded . . . From a practical point of view, as States establish national jurisdictions over crimes against humanity under draft Article 7, we can foresee a situation where there are duplicative or conflicting proceedings in different States against the same alleged perpetrator, or where a State receives competing requests for extradition of the same offender. Therefore, it would be useful for Members States to formulate clear rules on these cases as we move forward on this discussion."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_thailand.pdf	Supportive	n/a
Tunisia	M. Adel Ben Lagha, Oct. 12, 02:29:31 (10am-1pm)	"By drafting these articles, the ILC did a stellar job in fulfilling its mandate but other factors need to be taken into consideration. It goes without a doubt that we need to discuss these opinions at length however that should not prevent us from following up with ILC recommendations to negotiate a convention especially given that a large portion of the international community is very much in favor of making headway on this issue."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_tunisia.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.
Türkiye	Delegation of Türkiye, Oct. 12, 00:31:26 (10am-1pm)	"We acknowledge that this is a substantial, collective endeavor that requires comprehensive, well coordinated and multifaceted efforts at national, regional and international levels . . . crimes against humanity are incorporated within Turkish criminal law, therefore we have consistently supported international initiatives to combat these crimes . . . We must invest our utmost effort to identify common grounds that enable collective progress . . . this requires a thorough, inclusive approach . . . [and] necessitates a commitment from all parties to exhibit not only flexibility but also a genuine commitment to constructive deliberation, taking into account a diverse array of viewpoints and options that may be presented."	No statement published.	Neutral	n/a
Uganda	Delegation of Uganda, Oct. 11, 02:02:56 (3pm-6pm)	Delivered Statement of African Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group and the African Group.

Ukraine	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group and EU	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
United Kingdom	Delegation of the United Kingdom, Oct. 12, 00:41:42 (10am-1pm)	"A convention has declared potential to bolster the prevention and punishment of conflict-related sexual violence and other crimes against humanity. It would also establish obligations for States to cooperate and provide a new legal basis for extradition and mutual legal assistance in this space ... the UK's position is that justice is best pursued in the territory where the offence took place. The UK has previously worked alongside partners from across all the regional groups in order to make meaningful progress on this topic."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_uk.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
United States of America	Delegation of the United States of America, Oct. 11, 02:32:04 (10am-1pm)	"The United States views the ILC's draft articles on the prevention and punishment of CAH as an important step . . . The United States looks forward to submitting written comments and observations on the draft articles later this year and encourages all member states to do so."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/09mtg_us.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Uruguay	Delegation of Uruguay, Oct. 12, 00:21:21 (3pm-6pm)	"We also welcome the positive approach to the recommendations agreed within the International Law Commission . . . Once the concerns and suggestions of the various interlocutors are fully reviewed and debated, it will be necessary to move forward and establish a structured process to negotiate a convention based on the draft articles . . . the draft articles would serve as a solid basis for fruitful and inclusive negotiations. Our delegation values positively that the draft articles are based on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, despite the fact that the latter has not been universally ratified."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_uruguay.pdf	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Vanuatu	n/a	No statement made in its national capacity, but aligned with Cross Regional Group	No statement published.	Very Supportive	Aligned with cross-regional group.
Viet Nam	Delegation of Viet Nam, Oct. 12, 01:36:32 (10am-1pm)	"We view the Commission's draft articles and commentaries as an important contribution to the international community's collective efforts to the prevention and punishment of these crimes . . . Like many other delegations who raised their concerns during the previous deliberations, Vietnam share the view that the draft articles serve as a good basis for discussion [and] need to be elaborated, clarified, or improved to address the shortcomings options in the current texts. For example, some articles in the draft articles might be interpreted as the recognition and application of universal jurisdiction, which remains under intense intensive discussion in the Committee with different points of views."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/10mtg_vietnam.pdf	Supportive	n/a

Yemen	Delegation of Yemen, Oct. 12, 02:14:36 (10am-1pm)	Unofficial translation. "We are in dire need on a convention on CAH and we must counter impunity for any perpetrators of CAH."	https://www.un.org/en/ga/sixth/78/pdfs/statements/cah/11mtg_yemen.pdf	Neutral	n/a
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Additional Notes

*Burkina Faso: Statement had negative and supportive elements and in judgment of compilers, the supportive element outweighed in a close call
**Kuwait's statement during the ordinary session was only related to the CAH treaty and was therefore coded neutral

Countries supporting past resolutions but neither speaking nor aligning themselves.	Bahamas
	Central African Republic
	Lesotho
	Liberia
	Tanzania (United Republic of)

The Following Countries are part of the African Group and made no statement in their national capacity	Central African Republic
	Lesotho
	Liberia
	Morocco
	Tanzania (United Republic of)